



HANG GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

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Exemption number HGFA 2015/08

I, Brett W Coupland, Operations Manager, Hang Gliding Federation of Australia (**HGFA**) make this exemption under the HGFA Operation Manual section **5.1.4** regarding flight rules, which allows for written exemption to clearances on launching and landing at a specific site.

Brett Coupland.
Operations Manager
Hang Gliding Federation of Australia.
13th August 2015

Permission for Hang Gliding & Paragliding operations at Teewah Beach, within the Cooloola Great Sandy National Park, Wide Bay-Burnett Region of Queensland (QLD)

1/. Duration

This exemption:

- (a) commences on 13th August 2015
- (b) stops having effect on the 31st August 2019

2/. Application

This exemption applies to each person who:

- (a) Operates a Hang Glider or Paraglider at Teewah Beach, Cooloola, Great Sandy National Park, QLD.
 - (i) in private operations; or
 - (ii) for training for the issue of a pilot certificate for recreational purposes;and
- (b) Operates a Hang Glider or Paraglider, under the supervision of the **Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators**, in the Teewah Beach area, as identified in the **Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators** 'Flying Sites' guide. (See **Appendix 1**)

3/. Permission

The person may fly the Hang Glider or Paraglider without complying with the normally applicable 100 feet vertical height and 25 meter horizontal distance, clearance, as stipulated in the HGFA Operations Manual section 5.1.4

4/. Exclusions

Operations that involve launching by towing, are excluded from this exemption.

5/. Conditions

- a/. The Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators club, must hold and maintain a valid Queensland Parks & Wildlife permit for operations.
- b/. The **permission** is subject to the conditions in Schedule 1.

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SCHEDULE 1

CONDITIONS.

1. The person must ensure that the aircraft is operated in accordance with all HGFA rules and regulation, as stipulated in the HGFA Operation Manual, other than the clearances exempted within this document.
2. The person must hold at least 1 of the following certificates issued by the HGFA:
 - (a) supervised, intermediate or advanced Paraglider Certificate;
 - (b) supervised, intermediate or advanced Hang Glider Certificate;
 - (c) Powered Paraglider or Powered Hang Glider certificate (or endorsement);
 - (d) Student Pilot Certificate.
3. If the person holds a Student Pilot Certificate, he or she **must be directly supervised by a person who holds an Instructor Certificate issued by the HGFA.**
4. If the person holds a Supervised Pilot Certificate, he or she **must be directly supervised by an on-site HGFA; Instructor or Senior Safety Officer or Safety Officer or appropriately rate Duty Pilot.**
5. All operations must be in accordance with the current **Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators - "Flying Sites Guide"** for this location and as stipulated in **Appendix 1** of this document.
6. The person **must land in the soft sand, above the high water mark.**
7. The person may land in the soft sand, above the high water mark, only if:
 - (a) to do so would not endanger a person on the ground; and
 - (b) would not cause conflict with a vehicle on the beach or other ground traffic thoroughfares; and
 - (c) satisfied that operations may be carried out safely, having regard to the recommended procedures set out in the **Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators "Flying Sites Guide"**.



Appendix 1: Teewah Beach – Operational Requirements & Information

The Association “**Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators**” has responsibility for control and management of Hang Gliding and Paragliding operations at Teewah Beach in accordance with the HGFA Operations Manual. The **Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators** will notify the HGFA Operations Manger of any incidents or accidents, as is required by the TSI Act 2003.

Prior to any flying activity commencing on any day, a Duty Pilot shall be nominated in accordance with HGFA Operation Manual.

The Duty Pilot shall establish the procedures for that day including determination of the radio frequency to be utilised and any variation to regular flight plans or landing patterns needed for that day.

The Duty Pilot shall have the authority to halt operations if he or she considers conditions for landing on the beach have become unsuitable to either pilots or members of the public.

Prior to any pilot commencing flight operations, the pilot shall have the responsibility to ensure:

- 1/.** He/she has permission from the **Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators** to operate from this site, and
- 2/.** He/she is aware who the Duty Pilot is for that day, and
- 3/.** What UHF Radio Frequency has been nominated for operations on that day, and
- 4/.** That their radio is in good working order and set to the nominated frequency, and
- 5/.** That he/she has sought advice from the Duty pilot as to the adopted procedures for the day.

Landing of Hang Gliders or Paragliders on the beach, must only be on the soft sand, above the high water mark and within 1000 meters North or South of the launch area.