

TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVACY FORUM

Date: Wednesday, 6 May 2015

Time: 12:00 -1:00pm

Venue: Thorndon Room, Ground Floor, National Library of NZ,
Corner Molesworth & Aitken Streets

Drones – safety, opportunity and challenges

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There is considerable information internationally on the growth and likely economic impact of the future Drone (unmanned aerial vehicle - UAV) industry. In New Zealand, an increasing number of companies are manufacturing or developing UAVs and the technologies that allow them to operate effectively. UAVs could be integrated into many existing aviation operations and many new ventures will arise.

Callaghan Innovation estimated recently that the economic benefit from expanded UAV operations in precision agriculture, forestry and electricity lines inspection in New Zealand could be worth NZ\$150-190 million per annum. But there are privacy challenges too, perhaps not with professional operators of UAVs, but with the many recreational users.

John Nicholson

John has had a career in international business development having worked for NZTE and predecessor organisations in Australia, the South Pacific, ASEAN and the UK. He is also working with the executive of UAVNZ, the newest division of Aviation NZ. Aviation NZ, the aviation industry body, exists to lead, inspire and grow the New Zealand aviation industry.

Sam Jennings

Sam is involved in a range of civil aviation regulatory and public law issues, and provision of corporate legal services. He is regularly involved in civil and criminal litigation, and frequently appears in Coroner's Courts and the District Court.

Sam has been involved in a remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) rule project from the beginning, providing legal support to the team developing the Rule package. Prior to working with the CAA Sam spent 5 years in legal roles with NZ Police dealing primarily with privacy and information disclosure issues.



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