

## SAFETY BULLETIN

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### Airspace Infringements in the Sunbury/Bolinda Area

Airservices has identified an increased risk of airspace infringements in the Sunbury/Bolinda area. Airspace infringements can lead to breakdowns of separation with other aircraft in controlled airspace or result in operational disruption.

Previous infringements have been in proximity to the Melbourne **Runway 16 approach** and **Runway 27 departure** paths. Of note, the Runway 16 IFR arrival into Melbourne comes close to the base of CTA in this area.

High terrain further complicates navigation underneath the CTA steps to the north-west of Melbourne. Accurate altitude-keeping is therefore essential.

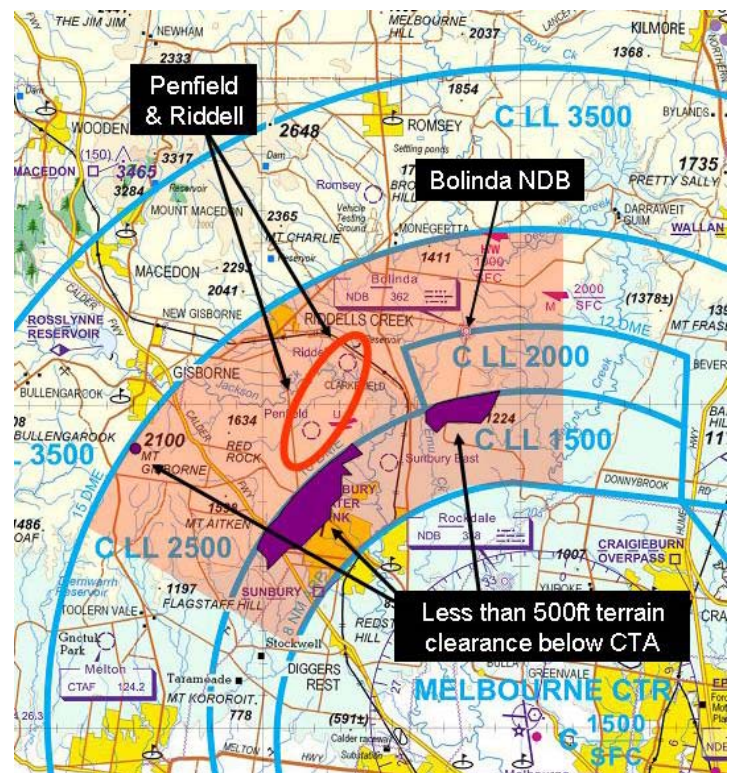
#### Infringement avoidance tips

- Whenever possible, leave yourself a buffer underneath the applicable step.
- Most of the area under C LL 1500 step north-west of Melbourne cannot be practically navigated – stay well away!
- Remain north and west of the high ground near the Sunbury Water Tanks, and clear of the Penfield and Riddell circuits.
- If ADF-equipped, use it to remain north of the Bolinda NDB (north-east of Sunbury).
- If in doubt contact Melbourne Radar on 135.7 and ask for assistance.

#### Further Information

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**Figure 1:** Sunbury-Bolinda area. Note the areas of insufficient terrain clearance and the location of Penfield and Riddell.