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Comment: The majority of small commercially operated drones operating in Australia are required to adhere to what are known as standard operating conditions (SOC) established by CASA. These conditions are relevant for the Department in terms of their potential mitigating effect on noise impacts.

The SOC specify the following requirements, a person:

- May fly only one drone at a time
 - Must not fly your drone(s) higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level
 - Must not fly your drone(s) over or near an area affecting public safety or where emergency operations are underway, without prior approval)
 - Must not fly a drone within 30 metres (laterally and vertically) of people, unless the other person is directly involved in controlling or navigating the drone
 - Must not fly over or above people or populous areas
 - Must not fly a drone within 5.5km of a controlled aerodrome
- oIf flying your drone near a helicopter landing site or smaller aerodrome without a control tower, only if manned aircraft are not operating to or from the aerodrome. If you become aware of manned aircraft operating to or from the aerodrome/ HLS, you must manoeuvre away from the aircraft and land as soon as safely possible
- Must only fly during the day and at no time through cloud or fog
 - May only fly a drone within visual line-of sight
 - Must not operate a drone in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, person, or property
 - Must not fly a drone for money or reward unless they have a remote pilot licence, or you are flying an excluded category drone in specified circumstances

On reading the rules and regulations for flying small commercial drones, it would appear that Wing would fail on the majority of the above. Or does this not apply to Wing.

As for the noise issue why would you address that when they fail to comply with the above rules. Why the majority of small commercial drones and not all. Really, make Wing comply with the above rules and you will have no issue with noise.

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