



Transport Accident  
Investigation  
Commission

Order No: AO-2023/010/01

## PROTECTION ORDER

***Issued under section 12 of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990***

### **AO-2023-010 Mt Pirongia, BK-117 Collision with terrain**

The Transport Accident Investigation Commission ('the Commission') is investigating a 'collision with terrain' accident involving a New Zealand registered aircraft ZK-HHJ ('the Occurrence').

This Order relates to the Occurrence site ('the Site') and any wreckage or evidence associated with and involved ('the Evidence'):

- A 1 km perimeter around the reported final main wreckage resting location near Wharaurua Lookout 37° 59.43'S 175° 07.36'E
- Any wreckage within this area or identified aircraft type components found in the vicinity outside this area

The Evidence may be involved in the Occurrence and may assist in establishing the circumstances and causes of the Occurrence.

To preserve and protect the Evidence, the Commission prohibits any person from accessing the Evidence without prior written permission from the Commission.

This Order applies from 20 September 2023 until revoked in writing.

It is an offence to not comply with this Order.

Signed on 20 September 2023

Jim Burtenshaw  
**Acting Chief Investigator of Accidents**