

# Swealpa Position

## Remote Tower

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- **We conclude that the introduction of Remote Aerodrome ATS, RAATS, is a fundamental change to the functional system.**
  - The concept is dependent on new technical installations and an uninterrupted transfer of data between the airport and a Remote Tower.
  - Remote Tower Centres (RTC) are established to facilitate control of several airports from that location.
  - Multiple mode of operation means provision of ATS from one Air Traffic Controller for two or more airports simultaneously.
  
- **We accept the development of RTS subject to a number of conditions:**
  - Adapted rules are established to cater for safety, security, operational effectivity and sound economic conditions.
  - We do not accept flight planning with Destination Alternate serviced from the same RTC as the Destination, unless adequate contingency procedures for a full RTC failure are established.
  - We do not support the implementation of multiple mode of operation until human factors, and operational and technical implications, have been thoroughly researched.
  - AIP should include information relevant to airspace users:
    - Indication that RAATS is provided, including mode of operation.
    - Interdependence with other airports if serviced by an RTC.
    - Contingency and degraded mode procedures.
    - Management of navigation aids and lighting installations.
    - Specific communication methods in case of multiple mode of operation.
    - Location of the signalling lamp.
  
- **We see possible benefits with RAATS, mainly for small rural airports and as contingency towers as backup for existing control towers.**