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Aviation Safety Regulation Review Submission

My name is Vivienne Drew and I am a Glider pilot, Instructor and a member of the Gliding Federation of Australia and have been since 1989. I have also had the privilege to serve as the President of the Gliding Club of Victoria, the President of the Victorian Soaring Association and a State Counsellor with the GFA.

Over the years I have been associated with gliding, I have seen the GFA forge ahead and be a model for many sport aviation bodies both in Australia and internationally with respect to their approach to safety, airworthiness, operations and training and their MOSP has been copied worldwide.

I believe a thriving aviation sector that includes strong Sport Aviation engagement is critical for Australia's aviation future and longevity.

Core messages for the panel to consider include:

- That Part 149 Approved Organisation model is the best way forward,
- Funding and the method of fair audit of the GFA requires ongoing consultation,
- GFA is held in high regard by aviation generally and is well placed in cooperation with CASA to build upon its existing administration and oversight of gliding in Australia,
- The punitive, authoritarian and disrespectful attitude currently demonstrated by the regulator is **absolutely contrary** to the aims of a vibrant, successful, diverse and thriving aviation sector and undermine the open, transparent and respectful approach currently in place with regard to sport aviation safety and compliance.
- A Ministerial Policy is urgently *needed* directing CASA to adopt a core mission to support and promote.

Thank you For your consideration and appreciation of the importance of the Gliding Federation of Australia in the sport and recreational aviation sector.

Yours sincerely,



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