

Submission to the independent aviation safety regulation review panel:

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A thriving aviation sector that includes strong Sport aviation engagement is critical for Australia's future

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 contrary to the aims of a vibrant, successful, diverse and thriving aviation sector.
- A Ministerial Policy is urgently needed directing CASA to adopt a core mission to support and promote
- GFA officers at all levels maintain a responsible approach to ensuring gliding is conducted in a safe manner.
- A cooperative approach by all parties should ensure the best outcome is reached for a thriving aviation sector.

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