

Submission to the independent aviation safety regulation review panel.

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I am a Glider Pilot and a member of the GFA

I was an Airline Captain both domestic and International, also held a Flight Navigators License.

I agree that a thriving aviation sector that includes strong sport Aviation engagement is critical for Australia's future.

Core messages for the panel to consider include:-

- (1) Part 149 Approved Organizational model is the best way forward
- (2) Funding and the method of fair audit of the GFA require ongoing consultation.
- (3) GFA is held in high regard by aviation generally and is well placed in co-operation with CASA to build upon its existing administration and oversight of Gliding in Australia.
- (4) 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.
- (5) A Ministerial Policy is urgently needed directing CASA to adopt a core mission to support and promote.
- (6) All aviation sectors play an important part in Australia; apparently some Ministers and Government employees are not aware of this fact.
- (7) Why is it that the Government attempts to irritate sectors of the Aviation Industry rather than work towards assisting them, nothing has changed since I started flying in 1957.

Thank you for your consideration and appreciation of the importance of the Gliding Federation of Australia in the Sport and Recreation sector.