

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 am also a glider pilot of 50yrs service. Am a maintenance inspector and have served as an instructor.

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
- I believe that the regulator should be encouraging gliding as this is the future for training of aviation pilots. As a sport we are always mindful of the issues regarding safety and I believe over the years have strived to maintain this attitude.

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