

## CASA REVIEW

Dear Sir

### Introduction

As a recreational pilot, it is heartening to see our regulatory body striving to make things better. And CASA is to be congratulated.

I regard the imminent introduction of the Recreational Pilots Licence (RPL) as a giant leap forward and I look forward to gaining that licence when the details are finalised.

### Discussion

I would now very much like to learn to fly a helicopter. However, current regulations make such a move prohibitively expensive. My enquiries indicate that to gain just a basic helicopter licence an outlay of more than \$40,000 would be required.

As we all know, helicopters are expensive to buy and expensive to maintain.

However, we also know that, in times of crisis, helicopters are in high demand for an ever increasing array of tasks, and this is most likely to increase.

Since the very beginning of aviation, recreational flyers have provided the nucleus for more serious endeavours including the establishment or expansion of Air Forces, etc.

Currently, the cost of ab initio training on helicopters is a step too far. So much so that most helicopter flight training organisations do not conduct training specifically aimed at the recreational level.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that there should also be introduced a **Recreational Helicopter Pilots Licence**.

Regards

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