

Submission to the independent aviation safety regulation review panel:

My name is Andre Kolodochka. I am a Glider pilot at NSW Police Gliding Club and RAAF Richmond Gliding Club based at RAAF Airbase at Richmond. I am an active member of the GFA.

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

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

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