

Submission to the independent aviation safety regulation review panel:

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I am a Glider pilot and a 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

Gliding, as practised within the club environment that is established within Australia's gliding community, produces safe pilots possessing an exceptionally high level of airmanship. This level of safety and skill is directly attributable to the culture of safety and excellence that is embedded within this club environment by virtue of its airworthiness, operational, and training practices.

Within this culture knowledge and expertise are freely shared and spread via a mentoring approach whereby the more experienced and knowledgeable members of our movement use their accumulated wisdom to ensure that the safety record we have always enjoyed is propagated into future generations of glider pilots.

I encourage the regulator to recognise the demonstrated worth of this system. I further request that the regulator support and assist the gliding movement to continue operating in this manner in order to ensure that the highest of safety and excellence standards continue to be maintained in our sport.

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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