

Submission to the independent aviation safety regulation review panel:

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I am a Glider pilot, level 2 gliding instructor, Annual Inspector and a member of the GFA. [REDACTED] I own my own glider, fly cross country and compete in gliding competitions.

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A thriving aviation sector that includes strong Sport aviation engagement is critical for Australia's future. It not only provides pleasure and recreation for participants, but also employment for many. Recreational aviation, including gliding, supplies many of our future commercial pilots.

The Gliding Club of which I am a member, attracts many overseas visitors, who spend considerable amounts of tourist dollars, and boost the local economy.

Gliding (and RA Aus flying) provides young people with a less expensive means to get into aviation, and teaches young people responsibility and discipline.

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.
- In general, other forms of aviation do not understand gliding activities. The Gliding Federation of Australia is in the best position to understand and oversee gliding activities.
- 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 and cannot be justified on a cost/benefit basis
- A Ministerial Policy is urgently needed directing CASA to adopt a core mission to support and promote aviation activities.
- Safety at ALL costs will ultimately spell the demise of General and Sport Aviation. 100% safety can be most easily achieved if no one flies at all!!
- A culture of safety will do more to enhance aviation safety than slavish reliance on complicated rules and regulations which are hard for sports aviation participants to understand, accompanied by increasing red tape.

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