

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 \_\_\_\_\_ pilot

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 have been a glider Pilot for 30 years, I have been a level 1 Instructor, but no longer instruct other than as a TIF Instructor.
- I am currently the accredited Club's Airworthiness Officer, and all regular maintenance is carried out by me and my fellow accredited Colleagues on Club Aircraft as well as on our privately or syndicate owned gliders.
- At my Club on the Central Coast of NSW, we have in place rigorous safety measures and protocols for every flying day's operation, by holding pre-flying briefings and post flying de-briefings.
- We have an excellent panel of Instructors under an extremely competent CFI who happens to have the rank of Captain with Rex Aviation. He brings a great deal of professional skills and experience to our Club's Operations.
- We have several training sessions run by our CFI a year, and all Club Members are constantly in touch through our Club Website.
- We have regular monthly Minuted Board meeting throughout the year, either as face to face or on Skype, whichever is the most practicable.
- Our Club operates in a very professional manner, where safety is of paramount importance.
- Our flying operations are generally 3 days a week, weather permitting, and we have several gliding camps away from our Club site each year where our Members can experience a range of flying conditions, and also cross country flying.

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