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Subject: Submission 2 - Mr Sandy Reith

From: Sandy Reith

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To:
Committee (SEN)

RRAT,

Subject: My submission to the General Aviation (GA) inquiry

Dear Senators,

The last thing we need is yet another inquiry. You have the Forsyth Report from the (time consuming and expensive) Aviation Safety Regulation Review, the ASRR. You also have the BITRE report on GA. You have the CASA figures of current medical approvals and if you count out overseas students you will see a big decline.

In the ASRR you will find hundreds of submissions which go exactly to the problems and decline of GA in Australia. In the PDF attached you will see part of the problem, over regulation causing huge cost increases which is why we are now so uncompetitive, why we have to import our airline pilots. You might understand that GA activity has declined when our population has almost doubled.

Why we have lost thousands of jobs, businesses and services in GA right across Australia. In the USA an instructor can go out and teach flying. They are not graded. Not so here, you will have to be graded, vetted and spend many thousands (\$50,000? more?) and wait uncertainly over months or years for a flying school permit. Totally unnecessary.

The attached table was produced by Adrienne Fleming, Head of Operations at Tristar Aviation, Moorabbin Airport regarding the latest rules versus the previous regime.

Tip of iceberg.

What is sorely needed is reform action. Not another inquiry. You could start by requiring CASA to immediately allow independent instructors as per the USA. Thirty one years ago CASA (it's predecessor by another name change) was set by the Minister to rewrite the rules. It still hasn't finished because the independent corporate body model of governance cannot work. It is incapable. There must be a transparent line of Parliamentary oversight and accountability. We are entitled to expect governments to govern, not hand over virtually unlimited power to unelected bureaucrats.

If you suspect I'm exaggerating, look at the Glen Buckley case, an excellent example of the CASA modus operandi, how to crush a GA business.

There is a great opportunity to revitalise this ailing industry, there's just enough left of the GA industry to build upon, please do not do a Nero.

Regards,

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