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Mr. Carmody,

28th June 2018

Approval for CTA and 601-760KG MTOW for RAAus Pilot Certificate Holders

Further to your Briefing Notes of 26th June 2018, distributed by email to the aviation industry.

Your announcements this week regarding CTA access and an MTOW increase of 601-760KGS for Recreational Pilots Certificate holders is viewed as excellent news for Australia's aviation industry.

By way of your announcement you have communicated CASA's acceptance, that a private driver's license self-certification medical standard for pilots of aircraft with an MTOW of up to 600kg currently represents '**no reduction in the existing safety standards**'. This view aligns with the view of the SAAA who has been advocating for Class 2 reforms.

We are furthermore encouraged that CASA is reviewing an MTOW increase of 601-760KG for Recreational Pilots Certificate holders signalling that the Regulators decision in December 2017 to reject self-certification for general aviation RPL and PPL holders was premature.

Understanding that CASA's role is to develop aviation safety standards for the whole of our industry, we applaud CASA in making this decision and now look forward to its implementation for RPL and PPL holders who fly private category VH registered aircraft with an MTOW of up to 600kgs and onwards to 601-760KGS once CASA approves.

CASA must agree that it would be entirely inappropriate for it to discriminate between an RAAus RPC holder or CASA RPL/PPL holder, given that you have stated '**no reduction in the existing safety standards**' exists. Furthermore, you are aware that CASA sets a higher standard of pilot

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training for both RPL and PPL holders, along with higher airworthiness standards for VH registered aircraft than which is applied to RAAus.

We would also like to convey our full support for owner maintenance for all private category VH registered aircraft with an MTOW of up to 600KGS and onward to 601-760KGS on the basis of your Briefing Notes of 26th June 2018.

We request an urgent meeting with you and your team next week to discuss a timeline for immediate implementation.

Thank you again and we look forward to meeting soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony White'.

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