

AUSTRALIAN AVIATION ASSOCIATIONS FORUM MEETING ***TAAAF Communiqué***

Forum participants met at the Avalon Airshow last week and have again highlighted the value of Government creating a new partnership with industry, as outlined in the Forum's 2016 aviation policy.

The TAAAF considered progress on the implementation of the Forsyth reform recommendations, and has released a revised and updated implementation scorecard from industry (attached).

The new industry Forsyth scorecard differs significantly from that published by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development on its website, with many items considered by the Department to be completed actually requiring significant additional work according to industry.

In light of industry comments, TAAAF urges the Government to re-assess its progress with regard to implementation of the ASRR recommendations and recommit to more decisive actions.

The meeting also considered recent initiatives by CASA and, while supportive of programs such as the essential review of CAO 48.1, the discussion paper on aviation medical and new consultation arrangements, the meeting noted that these were processes and not outcomes in their own right.

The meeting highlighted three critical policy outcomes for government that it would like to see actioned in the short term:

1. A National Aviation Strategy developed in partnership with industry
2. A comprehensive new training system to meet expected demand, including the introduction of HECS for pilots.
3. Fixing the regulator by:
 - a) Implementing Forsyth agreed recommendations– scorecard as attached
 - b) Adopting international harmonisation with regard to regulations
 - c) Reviewing of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*
 - d) Reviewing the CASA funding model as per TAAAF policies
 - e) Overhauling the CASA consultation system
 - f) Implementing a classification of operations system that incorporates risk management and cost/benefit analysis and reinvigorating the Sector Risk Profiles, action plans and KPIs for general aviation
 - g) Conducting regulatory reform in accordance with the Forsyth recommendations

TAAAF also called on CASA to engage with industry to drive an urgent 'first principles' review of CASR Parts 61/141/142 on pilot licencing and training. These Parts continue to add needless cost and complexity to essential industry operations.

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TAAAF participants present were strongly supportive of the government's discussion paper on Modernising the Protection of Airspace and looked forward to working with the Government on implementation.

On the occasion of such an important international aviation event as the Avalon Airshow, TAAAF extended its thanks and admiration to Airshows Downunder for its support of industry and the creation of an occasion that facilitates significant industry, government and community interchange.

TAAAF noted that Australia has enormous potential to contribute even more significantly to the international aviation industry and the development of the domestic industry if it is partnered by government.

The Forum called for the Minister to meet with TAAAF to agree on concrete, short-term actions to get the industry moving again.

TAAAF Aviation Policy 2016 provides a wide range of realistic expert advice on aviation issues and TAAAF participants recommend the policies to the Government for further consultation and implementation.

The full TAAAF policies are available from TAAAF participant websites.
