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AVIATION ASSOCIATIONS FORUM MEETING ***DRAFT TAAAF Communiqué***

At a meeting of peak aviation representative bodies, the TAAAF expressed considerable concern at the a slow pace of reform of CASA and the ongoing cost impositions from new regulations.

TAAAF encouraged the CASA Board to persevere with their clear, Government-mandated cultural change agenda.

New CASA regulations are threatening the viability of industry and especially general aviation operations, with millions of dollars required to be invested for no commensurate safety gains.

The TAAAF welcomed the Director of Aviation Safety's Directive 01/2015 on cost and risk and asked that it be applied to all CASA regulations.

The TAAAF recommends the CASA Board redouble CASA efforts to urgently:

- Abolish CAO 48.1 – industry rejects the limited science it is based on, the ignoring of decades of safe operations, the massive costs it will impose and the complexity that will inevitably lead to non-compliance.
- Establish an industry task force to propose urgent exemptions and amendments to Part 61, 141, 142 and revised transitional arrangements to allow the industry to function , especially for firefighting operations and ATPL licences.
- Reform Australian aviation manufacturing regulations to copy the modernised US FAR system and undo the damage caused by the loss of three TAFE skill providers.

While there is some good work being undertaken by CASA, it is being swamped by the damage being caused by legacy regulations only now coming into force.

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