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Aviation Industry Unites on Policy Future

Aviation peak bodies have joined together through the Australian Aviation Associations Forum to release new policies aimed at fostering and promoting aviation in Australia.

Chairman of the Forum, Mr. Chris Manning, said that this is a new level of cooperation amongst aviation peak bodies that have identified a range of practical policy initiatives for government and industry.

“It has been decades since a single government agency has taken on the role of fostering and promoting aviation in Australia and governance and regulatory arrangements remain at the heart of restraints on aviation jobs and growth,” Mr. Manning said.

“At a time when aviation is suffering from pilot and particularly engineer shortages, there is a vacuum of policy aimed at addressing the medium and long term potential of the industry to make an even larger contribution to the economy and to sustaining satisfying careers.

“The Forum policies provide a comprehensive framework covering industry regulation, education and training, manufacturing, technology and taxation that will significantly boost the productivity of the sector.

“One of the Forum participants’ greatest concerns is the lack of an equitable government policy aimed at supporting pilot and engineer education and training. HECS is not available to CASA approved flying training schools that provide a critical feeder service to the industry.

“Another concern is the current structure of government bodies, where the policy responsibility for developing aviation and removing productivity impediments has been lost. It appears that aviation is not treated as vital national infrastructure with commensurate policy support.

“Forum participants recommend the policies to all political parties and look forward to working with government to make aviation an even more vibrant part of the Australian economy and community,” he said.

The Australian Aviation Associations Forum is a cooperative group made up of Australia’s aviation peak bodies. The Forum’s aims are to simply provide a means for these leading bodies to discuss aviation policy and to provide a coherent industry interface for government on aviation matters. Participants in the Forum represent thousands of grass roots aviation people who have dedicated their lives to making aviation a better and safer industry.

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