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Dear Sir

I wish to comment on Section 9 (Aviation Emissions and Climate Change) of the National Aviation Policy Green paper.

The Policy Green paper does not canvas the opportunities for Australian Aerospace Industry to contribute to the global programs developing technologies to reduce the effect of aviation on emissions and climate change that are currently underway.

In Europe and USA billions of dollars are being spent on new technologies to find alternative and less polluting fuels, to develop more efficient airframes and engines, and to improve operational procedures and navigation accuracies. In Australia we have a small but highly competent aerospace industry and related agencies such as Air Services, CSIRO and DSTO which can contribute to finding solutions to these problems. We have already done so with ATS-B and other spaced based navigation techniques and we can surely expand into other areas.

The Government should assist the Australian Aerospace Industry to participate in and contribute to global Research and Development programs to reduce the impact of aviation on carbon emissions - programs such as Clean Sky Joint Technology Initiative in Europe, NASA programs in USA and the Aviation Global Deal recently announced by major airlines.

Aviation in the Asia/Pacific region has become comparable in size to the USA and European markets, and there is an opportunity for Australia to become a leader in our region, politically and technologically, to tackle the problems of aviation emissions and climate change. Australia is a rich country, more reliant than most on aviation, and we should be proactive in making change happen and not wait for change to be forced upon us.

There is a potential opportunity not only for Australia to set an example of responsible behaviour with respect to emissions and climate change, but also for the Aerospace industry to develop technologies applicable for the 21st century.

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