

The following submission is directed at the Air Safety section of the National Aviation Policy Statement.

It is proposing a more global approach to regulating Australian aviation safety.

Policy Statement

Harmonisation of the Australian and USA civil aviation regulations by integration of Australian Civil Aviation Act & USA Federal Aviation Act

Objectives

Develop a strategy that will allow Australia civil aviation to be regulated under the USA Federal Aviation Act.

Australia would be a 'special aviation region' under USA aviation law.

To achieve a more cost effective aviation regulatory environment whilst maintaining a high level of aviation safety for the Australian public.

Focus resources on oversight of the aviation industry to improve safety outcomes.

Considerations

Increasing costs associated with maintaining a civil aviation regulatory system by individual countries.

Common legal structures between the two countries- common law & civil/codified laws relating to aviation

For enforcement/ penalties amendments required to the Crimes Act

Australian Constitution acceptance

Harmonisation accepted under International Law via ICAO Annex 83 Bis

Substantiate cost benefits to both Australian and US

Follows FAA mandate to work with other countries to enhance aviation safety on a global level

Regards,

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