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**Response to the Australian Government Issues Paper titled “Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement.”**

This paper is in response to the Australian Government Issues paper “Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement” and represents the views of V-TOL Aerospace Pty Limited a UAS Operator. The release of the Issue’s Paper is viewed by the company as a promising step, and serves as a timely forum to table the views of the local UAS industry.

The company is firmly of the view that:

- UAS technology is one of the next big steps forward in aviation's evolution.
- Government and the local UAS Industry have a unique opportunity to become world leaders in UAS operations in the National Airspace System
- UAS technology can greatly reduce aviation emissions and assist the Australian Government in meeting agreed greenhouse emission objectives.
- UAS technology can reduce aircraft noise which remains a sensitive issue in the industry.
- UAS technology has potential to create new opportunities and stimulate a stagnant general aviation sector and create new job opportunities for school leavers looking for a career in aviation.

In response to the development of a National Aviation Policy Statement, V-TOL Aerospace requests:

- Recognition of the fact that an Australian UAS Industry does exist and should be a growing component of the wider local aviation community.
- A commitment to work with the local UAS industry.
- The establishment of a UAS program office within CASA and ATSB.
- An undertaking to work with the UAS industry to collaboratively explore the regulatory issues through funded and resourced studies and projects to collect the best available information to support the best – and safest – decisions. The results will then be used to provide valuable information for future regulatory guidance.

As a conclusion, the company would like to express its willingness to cooperate and contribute to the development of a comprehensive regulatory framework for UAS, and is already a willing participant in a number of international UAS regulatory reform programs.

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