

# Senate Review Australia's general aviation industry – 2020 – Submission

I was first involved in the General Aviation industry over 35 years ago and for the last 15 years working for a RMO business at Bankstown airport. I am also operating a business that uses excluded category RPA's (Drones).

I would like to comment on two issues that concern me.

Firstly, the current state of the General Aviation industry at ALOP aerodromes in particular Bankstown.

Secondly, What I fear may happen to the regulatory burden that will be imposed on RPA's.

Since the privatisation of Bankstown Airport in 1990's and under its various owners the decline in all general aviation business has been devastating, small and larger business have moved or abandoned the industry. The management of the Airport are treating it as a development site. The area dedicated to aviation activities is decreasing as new nonaviation activities move in.

Airports are a vital National infrastructure and should be preserved.

Aviation is changing rapidly and needs room to expand. The Government needs to have greater oversight of its policies to ensure the survival of General Aviation businesses on ALOP airports.

RPA's are one of largest growth sectors of the aviation industry and are already proving how valuable they are. The regulations CASA has in place and proposed for larger RPA's are MORE than adequate.

My concern is that operators of excluded category RPA's (Micro 250g or less, Very small 250g to 2 kg & Small more than 2kg but less than 25kg flown over your own land (mainly farmers)) who are mostly individuals or small business, will in time be over burdened by over regulation and fees. I don't want this part of aviation to suffer under CASA as most of General Aviation has.