Submission: 015

Anonymous

Submission to Potential future expansion of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) mandate in Australia Consultation Paper, September 2025

- 1. I believe that the timelines for introduction are far too long. We have been talking about the safety benefits of enhanced situational awareness for quite some time now and most aircraft owners are expecting that the roll out will impact them at some stage. Lets not wait for more accident (or fatalities) to justify why we need this installed in all VFR aircraft even if only an approved EC device. I believe three year time frame is acceptable to improve safety and situational awareness for those of use that have complied.
- 2. To incentivise the uptake of ADSB further, increased benefits to pilots/operators should also be incorporated. ADSB equipment generally allows for inputs such as Flight Information Service-Broadcast (FIS-B) data such as weather radar imagery, METARs, TAFs, AIRMETs, and SIGMETs to be part of the system/network. This "value add" may provide the edge needed to help owners to overcome the cost of further satellite devices for this information rather than spruiking how much better it will be for investigators if we crash and die.
- 3. Mandatory ADSB will also save operators of some aircraft requiring alternative monitoring devices such as those required for fire fighting tracking purposes.
- 4. Mandating earlier gives the situational awareness increases and additional safety benefits to those who have complied with the fitment of an ADSB out device. Owners should still retain the right as to whether they wish to monitor the location of other aircraft using an ADS-B traffic alerting system or on EFB's.
- 5. I fully support BVLOS and those operating within proximity to aerodromes to be fitted with ADSB out.
- 6. In line with comment 2 (above), funding needs to be made available for developing a network of ground stations to support FIS-B data.
- 7. Maintain the subsidy for the uptake of VFR aircraft (including recreational, experimental and general aviation aircraft)