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My aviation partner and I run two antique aeroplanes and have SkyEcho ADSB units in both. They are affordable and effective and comforting to watch the so equipped traffic around us. I support their use.

However; to suggest that having vastly more expensive permanent devices mandated in the future in the recreational aviation sector is courting dissent. The most primary disincentive in our field of aviation (old aeroplanes) is cost. Most of us are borderline flyers keeping just ahead of the ever increasing expenses. I see absolutely no justification or common sense in mandating something that is of dubious unproven merit when the current arrangements work fine.

It makes about as much sense the much maligned ASIC which does absolutely nothing for public safety but costs pilots a packet.

I implore the instigators of this proposal to try and see it from your customer's position. It will just drive further suppression of general aviation. A lot of the aircraft in our Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia don't even have electrical systems. Are you going the force DH60 Moth owners to instal a full electrical system? It does not make sense.

There is however one item that I would like to see mandated. That is to qualify to be an aviation administrator you must at a minimum have a current pilots license and/or own a GA aircraft. That makes sense.