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I am a 77 year old paraglider pilot with 20 years experience, both in Australia and overseas. I now limit myself to flying at Bald Hill, Stanwell Park.

Being a coastal site the general flight level is under 300 mtrs ASL and to a maximum of 400 mtrs. Flight distance and time on a very good day is of the order of 20 to 25 kilometers out and back in 1 to 2 hours.

In my 20 years of flying I have not been involved in nor witnessed any dangerous midair collisions or near misses in spite of this being a fairly busy site with a mix of paragliders and hanggliders.

To be burdened with the extra cost, and weight of additional instrumentation would probably mean my leaving the sport I love and missing the camaraderie of fellow pilots.

As with a Tesla self drive car I would trust my eyes and my brain, and that of my fellow pilots, rather than a computer to tell me when a hazardous situation is occurring.

My opinion is that these instruments are totally unnecessary in what is a low level, slower moving aircraft.

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