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I strongly disagree. Paragliders and hang gliders must be exempt from the ADS-B requirement.

1. Impractical & Unsafe: These are unpowered aircraft with no reliable way to power or mount an ADS-B unit. Added weight and wiring affect handling, balance, and increase landing injury risk.
2. Different Flight Characteristics: Freeflight aircraft are slow and limited in maneuverability. Collision avoidance responsibility should rest with powered or remotely piloted aircraft, consistent with “power gives way to sail.”
3. Harm to Recreational Aviation: ADS-B gear adds cost, clutter, and regulation to a simple, low-risk sport. It would discourage participation and threaten the future of freeflight in Australia.

The proposed inclusion is impractical, unsafe, and disproportionate to the risk.