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Domestic Aviation & Reform Division
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Subject: Aviation White Paper 2023 Submission

By Email and Traceable Mail

From: Captain Perry McNeil
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Date 28th February 2023.

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1. The **Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, Minister for Defence** and the Federal Member for Corio the Hon. Richard Marles MP
2. The **Minister for Infrastructure and Transport** Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government the Hon. Catherine King MP
3. The **Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories** the Hon. Kristy McBail MP
4. The **Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport** Senator the Hon. Carol Brown
5. Interested Parties & Media.
6. GANN Secretariate & **GAAN Committee**

Dear Minister, Senator and Divisional Branch Head. **Re Aviation White Paper 2023**

My name is Perry McNeil, I am a Professional Pilot and Aerospace Business Owner. I have over 24,000 (Twenty-Four Thousand) hours of aviation flight experience. Ex Qantas Captain from International and Regional Flight Operations. I am a qualified Boeing Flight Instructor, Qualified CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) CFI (Chief Flight Instructor) Qualified CP (Chief Pilot) and Chief Ground Instructor (CGI) Approved Testing Officer and as a Military Officer, both a Military and Civil UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) Instructor (recently from the 6th Battalion Royal Australia Regiment).

[REDACTED] We are the winners of the Australasian AirVenture Australia Industry 2018 awards for Amateur Aircraft and Best Overall Aircraft Engineering Build. Winner of the Australia Day Award 2022 for (S.T.E.M.) Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics from within my expanded regional community. I have served on several TWGs (Technical Working Groups) for the CASA, and I am on the oversight committee for CASA Part 43 Maintenance. I am an Aviation & Aerospace Industry employer.

Minister & Senator, it is stated in your own public brief that GAAN (General Aviation Advisory Network) is

comprised of members appointed for their skills, experience, expertise, and representation of subsectors of the GA (General Aviation) and the representation of regional areas.

Minister and Senator - this is not true!

Recently I raised with the sub-executive at the CASA the lack of representation of my sector, the Experimental and Amateur Built (E&AB) Aerospace industry within Australia. An exceptionally large sector within the Aerospace Industry of Australia. As this salient point was clearly recognised by CASA, my correspondence was forwarded to the Chair of the GAAN Mr Andrew Andersen.

Mr Andersen then wrote to me in a brief email.

Demonstrated within that email by Chair Andersen was a total lack of understanding of the dynamics and depth of the Experimental Aviation and Aerospace Industry. This part of the Aviation and Aerospace industry is a vital and dynamic sector delivering economic and technological outcomes to the industry, safety improvements and engineering outcomes, and innovative technologies and practices. Additionally, the industry has substantial employment and training and is a plank to the foundation of future Aviation and Aerospace sustainability within Australia.

As a Technical Councillor and Flight Safety Advisor for the SAAA (Sports Aircraft Association of Australia) an active International Member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and more importantly an E&AB industry business owner, employer and representative I was aghast at the lack of awareness, display of unfamiliarity and lack of comprehension of my E&AB Industry by Mr Andersen, within his email.

I realise the Minister and Senator may not be directly responsible for this oversight and failure, and as stated to Mr Andersen the error is easily rectified by installing an E&AB industry representative preferably a stakeholder.

Thus, my industry and I as an E&AB stakeholder and business owner call upon you to please immediately install onto the GAAN and E&AB dedicated representative. As a stakeholder and CEO of my own company, this area of the Aviation and Aerospace industry must have *expert input and representation* which, at this time GAAN does not!

A fact pointed out to the GAAN Chair Mr Andersen

Kindly note that I made two written recommendations for representation to Mr Andersen in my reply to him. One is the SAAA Technical Director Mr Norman Edmunds and the other CASA representative Mr Michael English, both highly qualified, distinguished and experienced within the E&AB arenas. Furthermore, I have spoken with Captain Gary Weeks Head of Flight Operations at the SAAA highlighting the anomaly and lack of representation of the E&AB industry.

Regardless of alerting Mr Andersen to this anomaly and oversight and recommending highly qualified representatives. Mr Andersen has been discourteous to the point of not replying to my email and recommendations or more importantly failing to attempt to rectify the error at this point in time.

This does not place the GAAN Committee and the Government in a good light by the extended E&AB industry and its many stakeholders. It may have the industry opposed the 2023 White Paper based on alleged discrimination, prejudice if not a lack of clear stakeholder representation.

Of course, this matter can easily be avoided and easily rectified by immediately appointing a qualified and dedicated E&AB industry representative. *No one currently on the GAAN panel has those qualifications or extended E&AB industry experience.*

Minister and Senator I and my fellow business owners and the E&AB industry look forward to rectification of this matter in the short term and I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter

Yours Sincerely

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