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LOGAN CITY COUNCIL RIS SUBMISSION PAPER

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our feedback against the Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Vehicles "Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for proposed reform to Remotely Piloted Aircraft and electric Vertical take-off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft noise regulations.

Logan City Council's Development Assessment (DA) Branch has successfully operated its under 2Kg Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) licenced Drones for the past 4 years. To ensure the success of its Drone operations a policy was developed to addressed noise impacts on Logan communities and residents.

This was achieved through operating all Drones between 80 metres and 120 metres to reduce any potential noise impacts, and only using Drone types within the CASA sub 2Kg category. This policy has resulted in a significant reduction in noise complaints linked to Drone operations.

The DA Branch has reviewed the RIS and agrees fully with the recommendation of option 3, which allows for effective noise compliance and management. This option minimises the regulatory burden for the majority of operators and only imposes requirements on operators likely to have a significant noise impact, e.g., large sized Drones above 2Kg linked to commercial operations.

Logan City Council acknowledges the key benefits of option 3, which support:

- Clarity for operators and the general-public.
- Fit-for-purpose regulations that provide flexibility for operators.
- Provides an incentive for guieter operations.
- Enables a higher rate of compliance.
- Provides a comprehensive framework to support growth within this rapidly advancing sector.

Yours faithfully,

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