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# National Emerging Aviation Technologies Consultative Committee Meeting

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The National Emerging Aviation Technologies (NEAT) Consultative Committee, chaired by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department), met on 26 July 2022 to discuss implementation of the NEAT initiatives.

Discussion focused primarily on the Drones and Privacy Guidelines discussion paper and the Emerging Aviation Technology Partnerships (EATP) program.

- **Drones and Privacy Guidelines:** The department circulated a draft Drones and Privacy Guidelines discussion paper to the committee members for comment. Members made a range of suggestions to improve the guidelines, with discussion focusing on:
  - Prescriptive vs outcomes-based guidance and the need for the guidelines to be flexible enough to accommodate new or emerging technologies and maintain a technology-neutral approach.
  - The potential need for several guidelines to better target intended audiences.
- **Emerging Aviation Technologies Partnerships (EATP):** Round one of the EATP program has now closed and applications are being assessed.

Other issues discussed by the committee included the variation in states and territories rules on drones, the draft infrastructure planning framework which will be released for public consultation shortly, and governance and working group arrangements across the emerging aviation technologies policy space.

The next meeting of the committee is proposed to occur in early-to-mid August 2022 to discuss progress in the Drone Rule Management System and Uncrewed Traffic Management Action Plan.

## Attendees

Name	Organisation/position
Richard Wood	Department/First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology & Services Division (Chair)
Reece Clothier	Australian Association for Unmanned Systems/President
Adam Welsh	DJI/Head of Public Policy, APAC
Jesse Suskin	Wing/Head of government Relations and Public Policy
Andrew Moore	AMSL Aero/CEO
Zac Kennedy	Swoop Aero/Director of Regulatory Strategy
Clem Newton-Brown	Skyportz/Director
Meg Kummerow	National Farmers Federation (NFF)/CEO of Fly the Farm and member of the NFF
Natasha Santha	LEK Consulting Australia/Partner
Terry Martin	Revolution Aero/Queensland University of Technology/CEO/Professor
Rachel Smith	Australian Logistics Council/Head of Government and Policy
Michael Monck	Recreational Aviation Australia/Chairman
Emma Wilson	Airlines for Australia and New Zealand/Director Policy & Advocacy
Jackie Dujmovic	Hover UAV/Founder & CEO
Matthew Jeffries	Minerals Council of Australia/General Manager Workforce and Innovation
Meg Kummerow	National Farmers Federation/CEO of Fly the Farm and member of the NFF
Chris Smallhorn	AMSL Aero
Naa Opoku	Department/Assistant Secretary, Safety and Future Technology Branch
Ben Lyons	Department/Director, Safety and Future Technology Branch
Ross Slater	Department/Assistant Director, Safety and Future Technology Branch
James Shin	Department/Assistant Director, Safety and Future Technology Branch
Sarah Lewis	Department/Assistant Director, Secretariat, Safety and Future Technology Branch
Jenny McGann	Department/Secretariat, Safety and Future Technology Branch
<b>Observers</b>	
Luke Gumley	Airservices Australia/Integrated Airspace Program Manager
Pradeep de Silva	Department/CASA Seconded