Meeting Outcomes

National Emerging Aviation Technologies Consultative Committee
9.30 – 10.30am, 9 June 2021

The National Emerging Aviation Technologies (NEAT) Consultative Committee met on 9 June 2021 to discuss the implementation of initiatives announced with the release of the NEAT Policy Statement as part of the Australian Government's Digital Economy Strategy.

At the meeting, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department) presented its initial considerations on four initiatives:

- the forthcoming drones.gov.au website, a hub for information and resources relating to drones and other emerging aviation technologies, such as advanced air mobility (AAM)
- the Drone Rule Management System (DRMS), which will manage non-safety related rules that apply to drones, encompassing rules related to security, noise, privacy, environmental impacts and impacts on cultural sites
    - the Department advised it would be conducting a procurement to develop detailed system requirements for DRMS in the 2021-22 financial year
- the proposed Infrastructure Planning Framework, which will bring together the many considerations and planning processes involved in infrastructure development for emerging aviation technologies
- the Emerging Aviation Technologies Partnerships (EATP) program, under which the Department will enter into partnerships with industry stakeholders to deliver innovative projects that further emerging aviation technologies
    - further information on the EATP is available on the Department's website at https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/technology/drones/eatp.aspx

Actions:

Action	Responsible
Develop and publish a public-facing document setting out indicative timelines for initiatives announced in the NEAT Policy Statement, to provide stakeholders with visibility of the policy development process.	Department
Schedule a meeting of the NEAT Consultative Committee's Unmanned Traffic Management working group in June or July 2021	Department
Publish meeting outcomes on the Department's website	Department

Attendees:

Members: Reece Clothier, Australian Association for Unmanned Systems Michael Monck, Recreational Aviation Australia Zac Kennedy, Swoop Aero Andrew Moore, AMSL Aero Jackie Dujmovic, Hover UAV Natasha Santha, LEK Terry Martin, Revolution Aero Adam Welsh, DJI Clem Newton-Brown, Skyportz Jesse Suskin, Wing

Australian Government:
Richard Wood, First Assistant Secretary, International Aviation, Technology and Services (Chair)
Mitch Dunn, A/g Assistant Secretary, Safety and Future Technology
Ben Lyons, Director, Airspace and Future Technology
Matthew Stein, Airservices Australia Liaison
Kevin Scrimshaw, Civil Aviation Safety Authority Liaison
Desi Weber, Assistant Director
Hugh Ross, Assistant Director

Apologies:
Emma Wilson, Airlines for Australia and New Zealand
Brad Mason, Australian Certified UAV Operators
Paul Hersbach, Australia Post
Sid Marris, Minerals Council of Australia
Meg Kummerow, National Farmers Federation