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Submission to the Aviation Safety Review Panel

My Name is Stuart Welsby. I am an Active GFA Member and Level 2 Instructor with Richmond Gliding Club. I also hold a private pilot Licence.

I strongly support the principles underpinning the proposed Part 149 Approved Organisational Model, and NPRM Part 149 processes, as a means of continuing and improving the CASA-GFA cooperative partnership.

I am strongly opposed to arguments from some aviation commentators to centralise sporting aviation self-administering organizations or subsume those functions solely within CASA, as this would subtract from safety management, increase the regulatory burden upon CASA, and dilute the application of gliding specialist expertise, skill and knowledge to safe operations, airworthiness and training. Safe gliding operations require the application of specialist training, education, skills and knowledge, beyond that developed through powered flying operations. Other arms of recreational and sporting aviation similarly require specialist skills, knowledge and training.

It is a system that has works well here for many years. There is no reason to impose extra compliance requirements and costs for very little or no gain in safety.

Regards

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