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Amended Drone Regulations to Stand but More Work to be Done

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The Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS) has been informed that the motion for disallowance of the amended CASR Part 101 will lapse, with Senator Nick Xenophon indicating that he will withdraw his motion to disallow the regulations.

AAUS considers the amended CASR Part 101 to be an important step in an ongoing program of regulatory reform for the commercial remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) industry. Already, more than 2,000 individuals have notified CASA of their intent to operate RPA in the “excluded category”. This is in addition to the 830+ certified RPA operators and 4,000+ licenced remote pilots we now have. However, regulatory reform is not enough on its own.

AAUS has launched an active campaign to promote a high standard of safety and professionalism within the industry, particularly within the growing number of excluded category operators. AAUS has a code of conduct and accreditation program and is actively educating end users to ensure they contract only professional and appropriately insured RPA service providers. AAUS is also supporting efforts to produce new training materials specifically targeted towards excluded category operators and hobby drone users. Visit the below links to learn more on our proactive strategy to promote safety in the RPA/drone industry and position in relation to the amended CASR 101 regulations:

- <http://www.aaus.org.au/ADOP>
- <http://www.aaus.org.au/resources/Documents/Documents/AAUS%20Position%20Statement%20-%20CASR%20Part%20101.pdf>

AAUS shares broader concern over the increasing number of sightings of hobby drones in and around airports. AAUS is advocating for a review of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations applicable to hobby and recreational drone operations, to ensure consistent safety standards across the entire sector. Regulatory reform must also be supported by a comprehensive campaign to educate the broader community on the safe and responsible use of drones.

Finally, AAUS welcomes the Senate Inquiry into RPAS. The scope of the inquiry includes aspects of safety, privacy, insurance, security, and potential social and economic impacts. AAUS is preparing a comprehensive submission to the inquiry and welcomes input from members and industry. More information on the inquiry can be found:

- http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/Drones



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About AAUS

The Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS) is Australia's oldest and largest industry advocacy group for unmanned systems. AAUS represents unmanned systems across all three domains: land, sea and air. AAUS' objective is to promote a professional, safe and commercially viable unmanned systems industry.

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