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## **Press Release**

### **AAUS Initial Response to Senate Inquiry Report on the Safe Use of RPAS**

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On 31 July 2018, the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Reference Committee released its Inquiry Report: 'Current and future regulatory requirements that impact on the safe commercial and recreational use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and associated systems'.

AAUS welcomes the Senate Inquiry Report as being particularly relevant and timely noting the rapid expansion of RPAS / drone use by commercial and recreational operators in Australia.

AAUS remains supportive of the risk-based approach adopted by CASA and CASA's ongoing efforts to educate operators on how to fly their RPAS legally. AAUS encourages CASA to continue in its efforts to expand and reform applicable safety regulations, as well as its oversight and safety promotion activities. AAUS also acknowledges the need to address the broader issues of privacy and security. Any new regulatory reform should be developed after evidence-based analysis, and not come at the expense of any aviation sector.

Over the coming weeks AAUS will engage its members to form a detailed response to each of the recommendations made in the Report.

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#### **More Information**

The Australian Association for Unmanned Systems is Australia's oldest and largest industry advocacy group for unmanned systems / drones. 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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