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COALITION AVIATION POLICY

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The RAAA welcomes the release of the Coalition's aviation policies. They are a good start and show that the Coalition has at least been listening to industry concerns, concerns that have been shared with the Shadow Minister over a number of years.

The high level review of all the government aviation agencies is supported.

“The new policies are light on funding but we are willing to work with any incoming government to help them trim the bloated bureaucracies, encourage further efficiencies and have the industry climbing again,” said Jeff Boyd, Chairman of the RAAA.

The return of a subsidy scheme for enroute charges to encourage the survival of marginal routes is welcomed by the regional aviation industry. It is \$2.5m less than an earlier scheme but better than nothing, which has been the case since July 2012.

Australia sits on the southern edge of the world's fastest growing aviation market. With the right government policy settings Australian aviation could again be a major aviation industry player, domestically and internationally. This will require a strong industry/government partnership and a real commitment to listen and work together.

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