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RAAA ANNOUNCES NEW CEO

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The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) today announced the appointment of Mike Higgins as its new CEO.

The RAAA Chairman, Jim Davis, commented "Mike brings a tremendous wealth of expertise to the position being a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, a former Commercial Pilot, Maintenance Organisation Manager and airline General Manager, one of the architects of regional aviation security regulations, drug and alcohol management plans and, most recently, a senior manager with CASA".

"His breadth of experience will serve RAAA members well in many areas but will be particularly valuable as we work with the Government and the regulator to solve the huge problems caused by recently introduced legislation and participate in the development of new regulations", he added.

Mr. Higgins appointment follows the resignation of the previous, long serving CEO, Paul Tyrrell.

"Paul made an enormous contribution to the RAAA and under his guidance it has become a respected and pre-eminent advocate for the aviation industry with Government now routinely seeking its opinion on aviation matters", Jim Davis said.

"Over the last seven and a half years Paul demonstrated a highly professional and objective approach in his dealings with politicians, various government agencies and the media and was highly regarded, being publicly congratulated by the Deputy Prime Minister at the last RAAA convention".

On behalf of the RAAA board Jim Davis thanked Paul for his dedicated service and wished him well for the future.

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