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### CASA Director of Aviation Safety Raises the Bar

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The recent Directive on aviation safety regulations issued by Mark Skidmore, CASA Director of Aviation Safety (DAS), is the most important regulatory policy document issued by CASA in decades.

It sets out clearly the guiding principles by which CASA will carry out its responsibilities to the travelling public and to industry.

It commits CASA to meaningful consultation with industry, to justifying regulations on the basis of safety risk and to not imposing unnecessary cost on industry.

In addition, the DAS has stated that regulations must be clear, concise and effective, and be developed under the industry supported three tier framework.

"Make no mistake, this is a landmark document from CASA" said Jim Davis, Chair of the Regional Aviation Association of Australia.

He added, "Many past CASA administrations have laid claim to effective industry consultation and to producing clearer regulations and failed to do so, but this directive shows a clear intent to make it work this time".

"The principle of making regulations cost effective is extremely important and is a breath of fresh air after the last six years of mindless and unnecessarily expensive and complicated regulation".

"The DAS is to be highly commended for issuing this directive and we look forward to seeing it applied to new regulation and to amendments to current regulation".

He said in conclusion, "The RAAA is very encouraged by the directive and stands ready to assist the DAS in meeting his stated objectives".

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