



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The RAAA welcomes the announcement by CASA to delay the commencement of the suite of licensing regulations until 1 September 2014. This is a sensible response to strong industry feedback that neither CASA nor the industry was ready to take advantage of the sound licensing improvements contained within the new regulations. Two clear examples of the poor readiness was the lack of alternative insurance products for Authorised Testing Officers, and that the Manual of Standards would not have been completed by the proposed 4 December 2013 commencement.

“It is unfortunate that CASA, in its media release, appears to blame industry entirely for the delay in the roll-out of new licensing regulations,” said Jeff Boyd, Chair of the RAAA.

He added “It is another example of the breakdown in the relationship between CASA and operators, a breakdown that is hurting the government and the industry. The CASA Board and senior management must understand that the genuine concerns about the timing of the roll-out came from industry and within CASA.”

He went on to say, “After ten years of development due to CASA delays, it’s far better to take a little more time and get it right than rush it now and have to clean up a mess.”

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