

Submission 154 - Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

Good morning DITRDCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Drone Remote Identification Discussion Paper.

The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) supports the implementation of Remote ID for both recreational and commercial drone operators. From our perspective, Remote ID could be mandatory for drones flying over sensitive aquatic, terrestrial and cultural environments?

We recognise that any mandatory equipage of Remote ID may generate some challenges for our agency (e.g. resourcing and cost) and of implementing Remote ID policies, regulations, systems, procedures, and protocols into internal systems, however the benefits, including the aid in the development of evidence and risk-based regulations and policy by providing identifying data about drones, is highly beneficial.

Remote ID will also enable the complex, and increasing number of drone operations, to occur safely within Australia.

Thanks again for the opportunity – best regards.