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I am a keen radio controlled model aircraft builder and flyer. Model aircraft should not be included under the "drone" description. Before consumer grade drones became available, model aircraft flyers had an exceptionally good safety record with almost no cases of conflict with other air users. But due to the misuse of drones we are now being unfairly subjected to increased regulation and costs.. An ID module currently costs AU\$250 to \$500. I have over 20 aircraft in regular use. That's \$5000 to \$10000! Remote ID will more than double the cost of an entry aircraft which will discourage newcomers and seriously impact the hobby. In the USA model flying clubs are allowed to apply for an area exemption from remote ID, which is good, but that doesn't go far enough. Model aircraft are not drones and should not be included is legislation to limit or control the use of drones.