

Submission 64 – Kevin Mander

All the information i have see on this quotes Drones/Model Aircraft, so with that in mind there is a lot of possible dis-information out there, such as, All Models will be required to have a transponder fitted, There will be a fee payable for each Model that the operator owns, Models must pass an inspection and so on, something that is, i have heard, happening in the USA.

We as a club only operate R/C aircraft, fixed wing and to a lesser degree Helicopters, to the best of my knowledge no club member has a drone.

As you will be aware we are subject to limitations, distance from the flying strip, height and weight of the model, also as a club we have a rule that no Jet Turbine models are allowed.

There is a distinct lack of information flowing from both the MAAA and VMAA regarding this, indeed had i not have seen something from a Brisbane based club i would have not known anything about this proposed legislation, it has caused considerable concern among the members, fearing that this will put the hobby out of reach of the ordinary club flyer.

As a modeler for fifty years i fully understand the need for some rules and am aware that drones fitted with cameras may well be a privacy issue, but fail to see a model aircraft posing the same threat.

Any clarification on this would be most welcome and would go a long way to helping club members understand what exactly this is all about.

Thank you in advance,