

Submission 70 – Confidential

In response to your Remote I D agenda and further regulation.

This is totally unnecessary for recreational radio control flyers of any type of aircraft whether Quad copters, helicopters or fixed wing. It will be just another expense for no gain to the honest responsible public.

If you are concerned about the safety aspect, then you will need to close down all other sports in the country. People have died, and are injured every day in football and cricket, (including spectators), but there is no banning or preventing people participating in these sports what so ever.

Recreational RC flying has no deaths or significant injury statistics and is one of the safest hobbies around the world, and the risk assessment would support this, so the safety angle is not an issue and irrelevant. There is no reason to prevent recreational rc pilots flying in a safe and responsible manner as we have done for decades.

Manned aircraft have a base of 500ft so if someone flying at tree level is a problem then it's not with the recreational RC pilot.

Your average RC flyer would fly in safe locations, mostly in large open area's well away from other activity. Other people present, are either participating in the same activity or interested in it, there is no danger to anyone.

Recreational fixed wing flyers, fly line of site so as to see their aircraft, no one is interested in flying something you can't see and show off to your mates. The same for fpv quadcopters (or drones as the media like to say), these are flown close by, around a course, obstacle or just out in an open space, close to the ground.

Registered model aero clubs do a great job at training and providing a safe place to fly, these clubs need to be funded and improved with government grants and assistance. More open spaces need to be created to allow more people to participate in great hobby and sport.

If you continue down this path of regulation you will destroy not just the hobby, but hundreds of small businesses relying on hobbyists for their products, the whole RC community has developed and innovated this industry. Siding with big business for instance, is not the way forward, so called home delivery drones are doomed to fail, as already in Queensland and other places around the world.

Please look at and try recreational RC flying yourself, before ruining other people's lives. Surely Australia can do better than follow the lead of the US, and bring in unnecessary regulations with no regard to the people in this great hobby and sport. A solution for everyone concerned can be found

Regards