

Submission 81 – AAUS



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The Australian Association for Uncrewed Systems (AAUS) is pleased to provide this submission to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts' (the Department) public consultation on infrastructure planning guidelines for drone delivery services.

About AAUS

The Australian Association for Uncrewed Systems is Australia's oldest and largest industry advocacy group for drones and the emerging Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) sector. AAUS is a not-for-profit organisation which represents the drone and AAM industry across three domains: land, sea, and air. AAUS' objective is to promote a professional, safe and commercially viable uncrewed systems and AAM industry. AAUS achieves this through its industry advocacy and promotion, education and outreach, and networking activities.

AAUS provides a single representative voice for the full breadth of the drone and urban AAM industry. AAUS' 3,000 members spans small-to-large enterprise, manufacturers, licensed and unlicensed operators, training providers, academic institutions, Government, and other supporting technical and professional services in the Australian drone and AAM industry.

AAUS Feedback on Infrastructure Planning Guidelines for Drone Delivery Services

AAUS thanks the Department for the opportunity to provide further input towards the refinement of these important policy documents. We offer this feedback with the best of intent and welcome the opportunity to work with the Department during the implementation of the guidelines.

Feedback on Drone Infrastructure Planning Guidelines for Drone Delivery Services Framework:

- AAUS recognizes the previous industry feedback has been accepted and appropriate adjustments to the guidelines made. We welcome continued, open consultation on this matter.
- AAUS recognizes that the guidelines are necessarily broad in some areas to provide discretion for implementation. We believe there is now sufficient guidance to move to the implementation phase.

- AAUS considers a residual risk to be the reasonably consistent application of the guidelines by local authorities including the consideration of noise mitigation options. AAUS recommends the Department conduct early monitoring of the implementation to ensure such consistency and fairness to drone operators.

AAUS would be pleased to provide additional information to the Department on the matters contained in this submission. Please do hesitate to contact Greg Tyrrell, the Executive Director, on greg.tyrrell@aaus.org.au or Tel: 0458 850 202.