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TO: ALL PERTH GA LAMEs AND ORGANISATIONS RE: CASA / EASA B3 LICENCING PROPOSAL

The ALAEA and CASA have been discussing the proposal for the introduction of EASA style licencing and a B3 GA licence and there is a major gap between what our members tell us is required, including operators of maintenance organisations, and what has been portrayed to the aviation maintenance industry by CASA.

In order to firmly establish facts and gauge a realistic reaction to the B3 proposal, the ALAEA plans to conduct meetings around Australia to put the issues before the industry as a group, both employees and management so that a bi-partisan position can be established so we can all have a real involvement in the future of air safety.

In meetings held so far the reaction from management and employees alike has shown a unanimous rejection, even before the release of the B3 Licence NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking). The ALAEA fears that isolated elements of the industry have been advising CASA with a misguided and short sighted approach which has the potential to damage and de-skill the industry. There is also a great deal of confusion about the B1 & B2 licence so we will attempt to answer questions on that issue at the same time.

Industry meetings have been planned in Perth & Jandakot airports and we cordially invite you and your staff to participate in a presentation from the ALAEA detailing the problems we see that will adversely affect the skill levels and knowledge necessary for the future of the maintenance industry, and highlight the real potential for a massively increased financial burden on employers and LAMES.

The first planned fact finding and information workshop will be on **Friday September 5** at Perth airport in the old Skywest Terminal at 1200hrs.

Our local representatives will advise as to the times and venues for other planned meetings and all persons interested in the future viability of our industry are invited to attend. A notice to all ALAEA GA members in the local area will be issued to assist attendance.

PAUL COUSINS
Federal President

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