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TO: All General Aviation

RE: Report to GA Members on B3 CASA NPRM meeting September 18 2008

The ALAEA met with the CASA B3 working group in CBR to discuss the Draft B3 NPRM and the industry wide opposition to the proposal. An extensive submission to CASA highlighting the objections from the industry and our research findings showed an unacceptable cost to management and staff alike. The ALAEA achieved an outstanding result and the Draft B3 NPRM has been withdrawn to enable major changes to be introduced.

The ALAEA made good use of the Barrister's opinion we obtained earlier this year on pilot maintenance and the potential illegality of the proposal to issue a LAME licence to a second year apprentice. The suggested NPRM has been withdrawn in its proposed form and the new proposal is intended to reflect the present Grp I Eng/AF/Inst/Elec licence with some radio privileges.

It was clear that the reduced training hours are deficient and more funding will be needed to achieve realistic outcomes. CASA appears to have received suspect advice and will now have only one B3 committee with both the ALAEA and AMROBA included. It seems that CASA will now view what is necessary for the Australian industry and not try to align with a yet to be established inferior European B3.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those aviation industry people both within and outside of the GA industry who assisted us and attended the ALAEA roadshows to provide first hand input to our CASA submission. We will need your continued support and to remain vigilant to maintain what seems to be a fresh approach by CASA. The ALAEA are very hopeful of an outcome that suits the industry and our members and one that preserves a safe aviation environment.

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