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❖ NOTICE ❖

TO: All Members

RE: Proposed changes to AME Licencing NPRM Response

On the 8th May CASA released a notice of proposed rule making (NPRM 0804MS) for the creation of a new structure for AME Licencing for what is currently known as the lower groups.

The ALAEA has prepared a submission to CASA on the NPRM that will be submitted shortly.

The ALAEA's submission outlines many reasons why the proposed new rules are totally unacceptable but also has made suggestions on what changes could be made for them to be acceptable.

As we doubt CASA will incorporate any of our suggested changes and amend the NPRM the ALAEA's Technical committee has taken the position on the proposed rule change to reject the document in its entirety.

We understand that by taking this position that CASA may disregard our entire submission.

For this reason it is vital that as many replies as possible are made to this NPRM from LAMES and members of the public. The attached submission from the ALAEA outlines our concerns and suggestions.

We recommend that all LAMES take the time to read and respond to CASA on the NPRM form.

The ALAEA will not be advising you on what you put in any response to CASA, but we will advise that there is a good chance that if the bottom option "not acceptable under any circumstances" is selected CASA may elect to disregard any supporting suggestions you may make. If you select "proposal is acceptable without change" or "changes would improve it, but it is acceptable" it will give a green light to incorporate all of the NPRM proposals without change.

We encourage you to not only consider issues that we have highlighted but to consider anything that may affect you as a LAME or business owner.

These proposed changes will have a very big impact on the way LAMES and AMEs are licenced and trained in Australia and should not be taken lightly.

"To undertake supervise and certify for the safety of all who fly."

The closing date for submissions is the 5th of June 2009. CASA advise us that their online response facility is currently unavailable and therefore submissions will have to be returned by mail, email or fax as advised in the NPRM document.

Attached is the ALAEA submission and response to the NPRM .

The submission is available on the ALAEA website in the members area in the notices section.

<http://alaea.asn.au/plainText/Notices.php>

The NPRM 0804MS and response form can be downloaded from

http://www.casa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?WCMS:PWA::pc=PC_93295

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Cousins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

PAUL COUSINS
Federal President