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# ❖ NOTICE ❖

**TO: ALL MEMBERS**

## **RE: ALAEA GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT**

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Members are advised that the ALAEA Federal Executive has appointed a General Manager of our Association primarily to control the growing workload. The appointment has been offered and accepted by former AIPA (Pilots Association) General Manager Peter Somerville who will commence duties for us from Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

Peter is a qualified Solicitor and brings with him airline industry knowledge and vital links to Canberra were he has had extensive dealings with politicians from both sides of the divide. Prior to the pilots, Peter was General Manager of the Australian Medical Officers Federation (Doctor's Association) and an Industrial Associate in the NSW Industrial Relations Commission.

The cost of the appointment is more than sufficiently covered by recent membership fee increases and will allow us to deal with some legal issues in-house saving on external legal costs. Peter will report directly to the ALAEA Federal Secretary and handle day to day issues such as work allocation and case management.

The ALAEA looks forward to having Peter on board to manage a number of long term projects such as a website upgrade and ongoing Industry consultation. The additional manpower should free up the Technical Officer to concentrate on all matters technical and the Federal Secretary to spend more time meeting with ALAEA members.

We wish Peter a long and successful tenure with the ALAEA.

**STEVE PURVINAS**  
Federal Secretary

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