

The Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Levy) Bill 2020 and Civil Aviation Amendment (Unmanned Aircraft Levy Collection and Payment) Bill 2020 [Provisions]

I am a recreational user considering commercial use of a drone for landscape photography to help promote tourism within my state (WA). The proposed fees for both commercial and recreational drone owners will cause unnecessary restrictions and discourage people from using drones to promote their region.

The promotion of local tourism is very important right now especially in the current economic and COVID-related impact on tourism.

As a result I **DO NOT** support any form of fees or additional registration for either recreational or commercial operators.

All it will do will require additional red tape, paperwork and administration of such a scheme – similar to registration of bicycles which is another failed and flawed concept not worth further discussion.

If the introduction of fees must be implemented, it should be in exchange for some form of service or benefit for the drone owner such as 3rd party insurance coverage or other benefits. It should also be proportional to the cost incurred, and subsequently should be as cheap as possible.