

ProUAV Australia
Aerial Photographic Services
Riverwood, New South Wales



Submission Re:

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

Introduction

Darrell Burkey is the owner and operator of ProUAV Australia. As a service providing commercial aerial photographic services to industry, business and government organisations ProUAV Australia is typical of the small businesses impacted by the above bills.

See <http://prouav.com.au> for reference.

Comments

Applying a levy on aerial equipment used by commercial operators will in fact be imposing fees to register equipment that has already been registered with CASA. It is an expensive process to register information with CASA and to keep information updated. Adding this levy will clearly be charging again to collect the same information.

If a levy on equipment is imposed then I would like to know what provisions are being made to refund the costs incurred by my business to register my equipment with CASA? I find it hard to believe that the intent of this legislation would be to charge commercial operators additional fees for registration information that has already been provided to CASA. Obviously this legislation needs to take this in to account and include an exemption for commercial operators.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. I am available by phone or email should you care to discuss the matter further or require more information.

29 September, 2020

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