

From: Danny Nowlan
Sent: Thursday, 24 September 2020 12:21 PM
To: RRAT, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Re: Civil Aviation Amendment (Unmanned Aircraft Levy Collection and Payment) Bill 2020

To whom it may concern,

My name is Danny Nowlan and I am the Director of ChassisSim Technologies. My company develops and applies high fidelity simulation software for the motorsport industry. I am also an avid aero modeller and what I have learnt in the hobby has been a tremendous benefit for my business.

I am writing to you with regards to the Civil Aviation Amendment (Unmanned Aircraft Levy Collection and Payment) Bill 2020. I object to this bill in the strongest possible terms particular with it's ramifications to the flying of recreational model aircraft. Not only is this legislation vague there are no protections to stop a recreational aircraft being charged \$300 for registration. Such a move would kill the hobby.

However this goes to much deeper question of the attempts to regulate model aviation out of existence. I'm curious where is the peer reviewed risk assessment this is based on? Also do we have dash cams from actual aircraft showing drone sightings? Those of us in the hobby knows that these claims are dubious at best. Currently the only assessment that this is based on is clearing out the 0 - 400 ft airspace for commercial gain.

Also it will be worth your while considering what is at risk here. Model aviation is a key aviation and engineering nursery. However don't take my word for it, here it from the horses mouth of who this will impact the most,

<https://youtu.be/A5rsfcc8hzs>

Is this something that you really want to throw under the bus for uncertain short term commercial gain.

Best Regards

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