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Committee Secretary  
Senate Education and Employment Committees  
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Dear Senate Committee,

**Re: AFAP Submission Re: Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment  
(Quality and Integrity) Bill 2024**

Formed in 1938, the Australian Federation of Air Pilots (AFAP) is Australia's largest professional pilot association and union, currently representing over 5,500 Australian pilot members.

The AFAP is writing to lend its support to elements of the submission from the Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) in the current Committee for Inquiry and Report into the above Bill (noting that the AFAP has recently received an advance/draft copy of the RAAA submission). In particular, the AFAP supports the dot points:

- International pilot students enrolled in courses with domestic pilot students help create an economy of scale to keep the course delivery costs to domestic pilot students at a minimum.
- Any reduction in foreign student pilots will severely impact the employment of Australian flight instructors, flight examiners and other supporting jobs.
- Flight schools training international pilot students employ Australian low time pilots who gain flying and instructing experience before moving into the airlines and into larger aircraft which also contributes massively to business and tourism and the Australian economy.

The AFAP is concerned that the Bill could have the unintended consequence of reducing the employment opportunities for Australian flight instructors who are so necessary for the training of the next generation of Australian pilots, not just overseas students. Providing training to overseas students provides employment for Australian pilot instructors and a common career pathway for Australian pilots into all sectors of the industry. This is particularly important while there is a recognised shortage of experienced pilots within Australia and globally.

Please contact me via email  
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and/or AFAP Executive Director,  
if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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