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Mr John Carter
Secretary
Public Accounts and Audit Committee

Dear Sir,

I am a private pilot (ARN 417868). I have also had 15 years experience in the Australian Intelligence Corps (1973 - 1988).

I hope that common sense will prevail and that costly and unproven technology or requirements will not be loaded onto the GA sector as a "knee jerk" or "seen to be doing something" approach to the current problems. Any reasonable risk assessment will show the use of GA aircraft as attack vehicles would be minimal.

As a further point, in my opinion, the safety of scheduled airline traffic has increased to the point where no organisation would contemplate using them as they now know that they would have to subdue the entire passenger load before being able to take over the aircraft. Planners of such ventures will always take the path (like water) of least resistance.

I am far more worried by the use of road vehicles as an explosive delivery mechanism in high density urban/city locations or key infrastructure facilities than the possibility of the use of a typical GA aircraft in this role.

Yours sincerely,

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