

**A SUBMISSION
TO THE SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND
TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
RE
An Inquiry into the Administration of the Civil Aviation
Safety Authority (CASA) and related matters.**

Dear Secretary,

We, Fiona Norris and Spencer Ferrier make the following Joint Submission to you concerning matters to do with the enquiry into the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

Our full details and descriptions are set out at the foot of this submission. The information shown there is the basis of us making this submission.

Submissions

1. We recommend that in the event of an air crash within Australia, the families and/or related persons to any passenger killed or injured in that air crash should be entitled to compensation to a ceiling of two million Australian dollars (\$2,000,000.00)
2. We recommend that the allocation of this amount be in a similar manner to the allocation of compensation in the recently adopted Montreal Treaty concerning compensation for air crash victims' families and dependants. In particular, we recommend that an amount of \$A500,000 be paid per passenger death without enquiry as to circumstances within three months of the crash. We further recommend that all medical, hospital and personal expenses arising to any person injured (but not killed) in an air crash be met up to that amount upon presentation of invoices to the insurer of the airline/ aircraft..
3. We recommend that the balance of any amount up to the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) be paid upon demonstration of loss otherwise claimable by a Tort victim in Australia under the rules hitherto known as 'Lord Campbell's Act'.
4. We recommend that the law be altered to disallow trainee pilots or low-time pilots taking part in Regular Public Transport flights in exchange for payments made to the owners and/or operators of the airline on which they conduct flights. We believe that a properly regulated process of on the job training for junior pilots should form part of the training syllabus but should be under the auspices of a properly constituted flying training organization and not left to an airline with obligations to its fare paying passengers.

5. We recommend that remote and regional airlines be permitted to employ qualified pilots as co-pilots in on the job training for the purposes of gaining recommended air experience but that this be conducted under the strict supervision from an organization dedicated to pilot training and not dependant upon the income arising from the flight operations.
6. We recommend that the owner of a Regular Public Transport air service should not engage in any activity other than the business conduct of that operation and that the management of flight operations, flying training and other direct operational matters including maintenance should be delegated to and carried out by appropriately licenced persons not otherwise associated with the owner.

We will enlarge upon these submissions in a separate submission if requested. We are prepared to attend to speak to these proposals upon request.

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