

19th August 2016

The Hon Darren Chester MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia.

SUPPORT THE AOPA PROPOSED POLICY ON CLASS 2 PRIVATE PILOT MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

Dear Minister Chester,

I write to you as a concerned general aviation industry user and participant, in support of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) who have recently called on you to direct the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to adopt their proposed policy on Class 2 Private Pilot Medical Certification.

The AOPA policy is important to the future of Australia's general aviation industry and if implemented will serve to reconnect thousands of perfectly healthy private pilots whom have been unfairly discriminated by the existing CASA AVMED system.

This vital reform will dramatically reduce licensing costs to industry and will remove unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and red-tape that have contributed to the serious decline in general aviation pilots in Australia, which based on CASA's own data amounts to some 8,000+ pilots exiting our industry!

AOPA's policy will help kick-start private flying activity within the general aviation industry, which will result in increasing demand for the varying support services whilst creating valuable jobs and opportunities across the country.

I ask that you show your support for our industry and for the small business that depend on it by directing the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to adopt the AOPA policy without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Signed:

Name:

A proud Australian general aviation user and participant.