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Dear Ms Kho,

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF MATHEW FARRELL
IN THE CORONERS COURT OF VICTORIA IN MELBOURNE
COR 2022 005430**

We refer to Coroner Lawrie's Finding in the Inquest into the death of Mathew Farrell on 18 September 2022.

Coroner Lawrie made five recommendations pursuant to Section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (VIC) ("**the Act**"). Recommendation 4 is directed to Recreational Aviation Australia Limited (RAAus).

We are instructed by Recreational Aviation Australia Limited (RAAus) to respond on their behalf and provide a written response in accordance with Sections 72(3) and (4) of the Act.

RECOMMENDATION 4

Coroner Lawrie's recommendation 4 states as follows:

That RAAus develops standardised training records for use by RAAus flight instructors which:

- (a) permit detailed auditing of the training delivered by RAAus flight instructors to student pilots or pilots seeking endorsements;*
- (b) are in a form approved by CASA; and*
- (c) must be used by all RAAus flight instructors in all instances.*



RAAus RESPONSE

RAAus is reviewing its requirements for, and management of, flight training records to ensure they align with the requirements stipulated in Part 141.J of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (Cth)*.

Additionally, RAAus also intends to:

- (a) amend its Generic Student Progress (GSP) template to improve standardisation of flight training records in accordance with the RAAus Syllabus of Flight Training;
- (b) release a Recreational Aviation Advisory Publication (RAAP) providing improved guidance to instructors on completing flight training records and update its educational video aimed at instructors, to better explain the use of the RAAus GSP; and
- (c) release a Flight Operations Bulletin which reiterates RAAus' requirements with respect to the standard required of student training records. This bulletin would also require that all CFIs make a declaration that they understand these requirements and that they have conducted an assessment of their own records to ensure requirements are met.

RAAus aims to continue to increase its oversight of student training records during its Flight Training School audit program and CFI approval process.

Yours faithfully
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