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**The Honourable John Anderson, MP,  
Minister for Transport and Regional Services,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra,  
ACT 2600.**

**14<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**

**Dear Mr. Anderson,**

**AIR SAFETY AUSTRALIA commends you on your decision to amend the Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003 so as to remove CASA's power under CAR 269(1)(a) to permanently cancel pilot licenses on the grounds of an alleged but unproven breach of the law.**

**This is a most important – if not the most important – step along the road towards re-establishing aviators' trust in, and respect for, CASA. A regulator which is respected is bound to produce better safety outcomes than one which is merely feared. CASA's power to permanently cancel pilots' licenses under CAR 269(1)(a) on the grounds of an alleged but unproven breach of the law meant that CASA was greatly feared but not at all respected.**

**This amendment means that the Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2003 fulfils the promise of your Press Release of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2002 when you said that the Bill would temper CASA's ability to act as judge, jury and executioner.**

**We note with pleasure that the amendment has the support of the Opposition. It is good to see bi-partisan co-operation in our nation's interest.**

**We commend you on improving the Bill in this manner.**

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Boyd Munro'.

**Boyd Munro**

**AIR SAFETY AUSTRALIA**

**c.c. Martin Ferguson, AM, MP, Shadow Minister for Transport and Infrastructure**

**NP Senators and MPs**