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The Chairman  
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**ATTN: The Chairman (via Mr John Carter)**

Dear Sir,

**RE : Review of Australia's Aviation Security**

The two day public hearing scheduled for this Thursday and Friday has been drawn to our attention by Air Safety Australia.

It is the purpose of this correspondence to express our concern that the scheduled list of representatives does not include representatives from Air Safety Australia, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Australian Ultra-Light Federation, Management of Major Companies such Qantas, Virgin and Rex and the like and finally representatives from General Aviation companies.

Air Safety/Security is without doubt a burning issue at the moment and, it would seem, is only going to become a greater part of our lives. It is for this reason that it would seem important to include all those that are going to be most critically effected. As a, exceptionally small(one aircraft – part time), GA operator we feel the effect any additional cost on aviation the most as we have the least control over the regulators and the least ability to have he public accept increased prices for what ever reason.

It is generally stated that Air Safety/Security should not be compromised but at the end of the day we all need to maintenance touch with reality – This is **Not a Perfect World** and it is not likely to become one in the near future no matter how much expense is incurred trying to make it one. There is going to have to be a balance of **Cost verses Security, Feasibly, Freedom, Privacy and Quality of life.**

Please ensure that the result this and many other Air Safety/Security reviews is that we end up with no small, fun providing, GA operators like Tweed River Seaplane Services, can no longer afford to operate in Australia.

Yours faithfully,  
**TWEED RIVER SEAPLANE SERVICES**

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