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To whom it may concern

As the holder of an Australian CPL(A), and an active participant in Australia's aviation industry, I must express my total dismay and disgust at the latest round of "solutions" offered by this government, to the issue of security.

I am speaking from the perspective of a G.A. pilot, working 60 hours per week, for an award of < \$30K (recognised by your employer if you are lucky), and bearing costs to actively participate in this industry which are forever rising with no apparent good reason.

Please explain how wrapping a chain around the propellor of the Australian G.A. fleet will do anything towards preventing or minimising any of the incidents mentioned on your website.

Please explain how the government can talk about burdening nearly every pilot in Australia with the cost (by all the evidence an inflated cost at that!) of an ASIC card, yet in the same breath express sympathy and concern for the state of G.A. in this country (Anderson has done exactly that). The forked tongues are wagging again... I wonder what amount of "industry consultation" truly preceded these absurd developments.

When a gun buyback scheme was deemed neccessary in the interest of public safety, it was funded by every single taxpayer in this country.

I'm sure with a little more thought, our highly paid public servants could have dreamed up a less effective. more expensive scheme to "Strengthen Aviation Security". After all, the objective is to cripple General Aviation in this country further, is it not?

What security initiatives have been introduced to other industries? What was their cost to the respective industry?

Yours in absolute disbelief, Nathan Taylor 1 #

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