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Dear Sir Madam

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION(FOI) request under the Freedom of Information Act (relating to the proposed "Drone registration and accreditation scheme")

The information/documents I require are listed in points 1 to 5 below:

Quote from the Department of Jobs and Small Business website: "The Australian Government is committed to improving the quality of its regulation, including minimising the burden of regulation on businesses, community organisations and individuals."

1) The REGULATORY BURDEN MEASUREMENT (RBM) for the proposed Drone registration and accreditation scheme (see <https://www.pmc.gov.au/regulation/regulatory-burden-measurement>).

Quote from RBM guidance note: "A key principle for Australian Government policy makers in The Australian Government Guide to Regulation is that the cost burden of new regulation must be fully offset by reductions in existing regulatory burden."

2) Documents relating to the consideration and decisions that CASA gave to reductions in existing regulatory burden.

3) The REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS) for the proposed Drone registration and accreditation scheme (see <https://www.pmc.gov.au/regulation/developing-regulation-impact-statement>).

4) The RISK ASSESSMENT (RA) for the proposed Drone registration and accreditation scheme (see <https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/regulation/risk-analysis-regulation-impact-statements-guidance-note>).

Quote from the above document: "The RIS should focus on objective risks rather than 'perceived' risks. Perceptions about risk can be founded on bias and misinformation about the true magnitude and severity of risks (Viscusi et al. 1995). Individuals can often perceive a risk

(or harm) to be much greater than it actually is—especially when there is a lack of information about the risk or strong perceptions about the size of the risk. To avoid this error, you should focus on evidence about actual risks and seek to quantify the actual risk."

It appears that the proposed Drone registration and accreditation scheme has little to do with safety, so there must be an ulterior motive for the scheme. As such, I also require:

5) Details of any benefits (including meals, beverages, travel, accommodation, discounts, gifts etc) received by CASA or its staff from drone manufacturers (such as DJI, Parrot, etc - including parent companies and subsidiaries) and those companies interested in accessing the airspace for drone delivery services (such as Wing LLC, Google, Amazon etc - including parent companies and subsidiaries).

regards