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AOPA Australia Calls on CASA to Require EFB Cross Platform Safety Data Sharing

Mr Carmody,

I write to you on behalf of the members of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Australia, calling on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to improve aviation safety by requiring all CASA approved Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) providers to share their user's aircraft flight plan, position and enroute information for cross-platform safety use.

Currently, CASA approved EFB providers are under no obligation to share positional information and data with competitor EFB providers. Whilst EFB pilot users see traffic from other users on the same platform, they do not have an ability to see traffic from other EFB providers. As a result, pilot users are not afforded the best possible opportunity for situational awareness.

The lack of EFB cross-platform flight plan, position and enroute data and safety information sharing, poses a direct safety of flight risk.

The recent and tragic mid-air collision in Victoria is a poignant reminder of the need for pilots to be afforded the best possible opportunities for situation awareness and safety in the cockpit.

AOPA Australia calls on CASA to take immediate action in making it mandatory for EFB providers to share pilot user flight plan, position and enroute information and safety data.

Yours Sincerely,

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