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## **AOPA Australia Open Letter to Designated Aviation Medical Examiners (DAMEs) Support for General Aviation Pilots and Business**

To all Designated Aviation Medical Examiners,

I write to you all on behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Australia (AOPA Australia), seeking your direct assistance and support for Australia's general aviation industry and community, during this difficult time.

The coronavirus pandemic has set off a devastating financial chain-reaction throughout the Australian aviation industry. Our International, domestic, regional and general aviation sectors are now all under extreme financial stress and require direct and meaningful assistance for them to survive.

For our industry to successfully navigate this difficult period, we must all work together, to help our pilots and aviation business survive.

AOPA Australia is calling on the DAME community to either waive or significantly discount their usual pilot medical assessment fees until such time that the situation eases.

Our association invites DAME's who are willing to assist to contact AOPA Australia and with your consent, we are happy to advertise your contact details to the aviation industry. This information will be available through our website and social media channels, to encourage pilots to reach out to you.

On behalf of AOPA Australia and our pilot community, I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your assistance and I look forward to speaking with you all soon.

Yours Sincerely,



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