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Skytrans' Alan Milne to represent RAAA on Minister's Jet Zero Council

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) has put forward their candidate to represent the organisation on the Minister Catherine King's newly formed Jet Zero Council, which will steer government policy thinking on aviation's contribution to meeting Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Mr Alan Milne, CEO of QLD airline Skytrans has been selected by the RAAA due to his prior experience with Sustainable Aviation Fuel with Qantas as well as his current commitments in moving Skytrans towards Hydrogen/Electric powered regional aircraft.

RAAA CEO Steven Campbell said that Alan was a perfect choice to represent regional aviation at this council as Alan is already in the thick of it and understands some of the challenges regional aviation will face.

"Alan has already been putting his shoulder to the wheel in advancing the cause for a regional airline and meeting net zero goals in the future. This will not be easy and regional aviation organisations will face even more challenges than the major city-based airlines, they always do, Mr Campbell stated.

"We are already hearing of major challenges to the goals being set by government and by having Alan on this council, the RAAA will ensure someone who has the practical experience and the understanding of those challenges being at the table with the decision makers," said Mr Campbell.

Mr Milne said, "Regional aviation will play a very important role in the transition to Net Zero. With current technology, regional aviation aircraft are well suited to transition to alternate, non-fossil fuels such as hydrogen electric or battery".

"I'm looking forward to working with the council to work on how aviation can make this transition in a manageable and affordable way.

"I've already seen how emerging technology can assist us meeting the targets and am currently working closely with Stralis Aviation on their hydrogen/electric powered engine design," Mr Milne stated.

Skytrans co-owner Jonathan Thurston endorsed the appointment. "Alan's vast experience in the industry and his passion for the environment, makes him the perfect candidate for this appointment."

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