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THE RAAA APPLAUDS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA WILL CUT AVIATION CHARGES

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The RAAA applauds the recent announcement by the Airservices Australia Chief Executive Officer Jason Harfield, that aviation charges will be reduced from 1 July 2019 as the organisation seeks to minimise operational costs for the airline industry and light aircraft operators. The program delivered savings of more than \$170 million, creating the headroom to reduce charges for the first time.

According to the Regional Aviation Association of Australia CEO, Mr Mike Higgins, “Mr Harfield has delivered on his promise to reduce charges to the aviation industry, by passing on efficiencies delivered as a direct result of his management approach within Airservices.” Mr Higgins also said “We commend this fantastic initiative and outcome and recommend all government agencies follow this example.”

The RAAA represents aviation across Australia. We have around 100 members and our AOC members directly employ over 2,500 Australians, many in regional areas. On an annual basis, the RAAA’s AOC members jointly turnover more than \$1.5b, carry well in excess of 2 million passengers and move over 23 million kilograms of freight.

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