



18 June 2014

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Dear Mr McCormick

Re: Colour Vision Deficiency (CVD)

I refer to your letter dated 5 June 2014 to AOC holders from Peter Fereday Executive Manager, Industry Permissions.

Your letter makes a number of dubious assertions including but not limited to:

- CVD Pilots adversely affect aviation safety;
- AOC holder's should consider whether its safe to allow CVD pilots to continue to exercise flight crew privileges; and
- "recent medical research" involving the assessment of CVD.

We regard your letter as a misuse of proper process that will affect between 8-10% of pilots immediately and also the operations of commercial aviation in Australia.

VIPA is incredulous that at no stage has CASA sought industry engagement or stakeholder input into this decision.

Our membership views your directive of 5 June 2014 with dismay and we seek redress by way of public retraction.

As a consequence of your actions, we will be engaging with the wider community with regard to this CASA decision.

Lastly, and pertinently, with an Aviation Review calling for greater aviation engagement with the Regulator, we are certain that unilateral decisions such as these will have the opposite effect with the Virgin Australia and Tiger pilot groups.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact Simon O'Hara from VIPA on (02) 8203 3810 or simon.ohara@vipa.asn.au

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Regards

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