



Australian Government
Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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Mr Colin Hockings

Interim Secretary
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Dear Mr Hockings,

In reference to your letter received 27th February 2006, CASA recognises the National Aerospace NDT Board of Australia as the industry representative body for the purpose of Australian Standard AS 3669 Non-destructive testing – Qualification and approval of personnel – Aerospace (the standard).

We understand that the Board will be independent and represent all sectors of the Australian aviation industry including air transport and general aviation operators, aircraft and aircraft component maintenance organisations and aviation NDT service providers.

We accept that the Board will perform the functions described in the standard. This will include control of examination and assessment of all levels of NDT personnel and provision of a service to the aviation industry by assessing organisations written NDT practices and advising if they meet the standard.

CASA will request the Board to assist in the development and maintenance of legislation and CASA processes and procedures by participating in an advisory role in matters relating to NDT personnel standards.

CASA would assist the Board gain mutual acceptance by other NDT Boards recognised by National Aviation Authorities for the purpose of international standards such as EN 4179. CASA will also provide staff, as advisors, to participating in the Boards activities, such as board meetings and working groups.

We endorse this industry initiative to harmonise with the rest of the world and CASA will support the Board in any way that it can whilst ensuring it retains its independence.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting Albert Fleming on 6217 1188.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Edkins', written over a horizontal line.

Graham Edkins

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