



GLIDING CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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ARO: Craig.Robertson@cunderdin.wa.gov.au

Re: Cunderdin Airfield and Interim relocation of gliding operations

Dear Stuart,

With the continued closure of Cunderdin airfield, due to the presence of standing water between the gable markers and the runway, defining the runway strip, which we fully appreciate has been closed due to the non-compliance with CASA regulations, which we acknowledge the shire have the full legal obligation to comply with as a certified airfield, I table the following items for your urgent consideration.

1. Approval to use runways to re-locate tow planes to Wyalkatchem airfield

I am fully aware that the Shire has the financial burden of the airfield and that which it imposes on the community. On the basis that the water problem will remain at Cunderdin Airfield for the duration of winter and possibly through to mid-September, with the airfield to continue to be closed, I have explored options to relocate our gliding operations to Wyalkatchem Airfield. Subject to securing hanger space, which is currently being arranged by the shire, I will expect to be in a position to relocate our tow planes and club gliders this Saturday 10th August.

I therefore ask for some special dispensation or temporary approval from the shire and the ARO to allow my Club to use the runways for the purpose of taking-off two tug planes with gliders in tow, on Saturday 10th August, at 11AM for Wyalkatchem airfield. Without this we will have no way of relocating and commencing operations off-site.

2. Rent relief

It must be equally obvious that closing the airfield precludes the Gliding Club from operations and that in turn renders us unable to generate an income. When the Club was faced with the same situation during the COVID lockdowns, the Shire acknowledged our inability to operate and granted us some

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rent relief. We are requesting a similar dispensation in the current circumstances as it is entirely possible that the airfield closures could continue for some months to come

I would appreciate if you could come back to me at your earliest convenience so that I can proceed with our relocation plans so as to cause minimal disruption to our operations.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Usher

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