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## **Agricultural Aviation - Sector Risk Profile**

The CAA and the NZAAA have started a joint project to establish a sector risk profile of the agricultural aviation industry. This sector risk profile is a means of gaining an accurate understanding of the full range of safety risks that exist within the industry.

The NZAAA and the CAA want to do this because the accident rate within agricultural aviation remains amongst the highest of NZ commercial aviation sectors. As well as the obvious risk to people in the industry, the accident rate has an economic cost.

This risk profile will assess hazards and sort them from most to least significant risk. It will take into account multiple points of view and consider the seriousness of the hazard and how often it is encountered.

A key aspect of the sector risk profile approach is that hazards, their seriousness and the best way to deal with them are all identified by industry participants. A good sector risk profile therefore requires a large amount of industry engagement, and the CAA and NZAAA have engaged Aerosafe Risk Management to do this.

Aerosafe may contact you in the near future to seek your involvement. The CAA and NZAAA urge you to contribute in any way that you can, as the success of the project and effectiveness of any subsequent safety improvements relies on the quality of information supplied by the industry itself.

The Risk Profile will present the information as a summary of risks and no specific operator will be identified. The CAA intends to focus its efforts on the areas of greatest risk across all aviation sectors. The agricultural sector deals with sizable risks on a daily basis, and operators are well placed to guide the development of a risk based approach to safety and industry development

Yours Sincerely,  
Project Co-Sponsors

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