

Two graphs produced by CAA sum up the present situation. A major drop in the numbers of commercial pilots (A) and (H) along with a reduction in our future B cat instructor pool. High country farmers are worried and there's no solution except aerial application. We haven't been able to arrange a meeting with TIA yet but we've got a request in. If you think its difficult getting to speak to the Boots, we were told with TIA that it's a month's wait to see their new CEO.

If you are having trouble recruiting pilots or engineers, we would like to hear from you. We believe the recruitment situation, for pilots, will be very challenging in the New Year but we would like some comment from the "coal face" as to the situation.

One projection is by 2016 we will pretty much have run out of new helicopter pilots – the drop off in supply is so significant and the instructor pool stripped.



