

General Directions Consultation Response Sheet

Impaired Colour Vision, GD/VIS/01/2017.1

Please indicate your acceptance or otherwise of the proposal by ticking [*] the appropriate box below. Any additional constructive comments, suggested amendments or alternative action will be welcome and may be provided on this response sheet or by separate correspondence.

[X] The proposal is acceptable without change.

1. We applaud the CAA approach in establishing an independent expert panel to review public submissions and expert evidence in developing this GD.
2. It is noted that many New Zealand pilots have been restricted over the past 15 years by arbitrary standards (such as those for colour perception) imposed by the CAA medical system (a single Principal Medical Officer), without public consultation and with little practical ability to seek recourse.
3. It is hoped that CAA will consider, in the future, in line with the McGregor Swedavia Report*, and more specifically the recommendations of the Scott Gorman Medical Report** the establishment of an *Aviation Medical Panel* made up of individual expert medical specialists. Amongst their role (a) the adjudication of the fitness to fly of a pilot, (b) assess any appeal by a pilot denied medical certification; (c) provide advice to the Director and the PMO on matters affecting pilot medical certification.
4. As aviation continues to develop in technology and safety, so to must the tools and techniques for better informed policy and rule making. The shared approach of consultation with CAA and the aviation community will ensure decisions are made providing better and more productive outcomes.
5. We also commend the eventual way the regulator and industry combined to constructively examine and resolve this long standing issue.

* Swedavia – McGregor Report Review of Civil Aviation Safety Regulations and the Resources, Structure and Functions of the New Zealand Ministry of Transport, Civil Aviation Division 1988.

** Scott-Gorman Report - The process of determining fitness to fly aeroplanes in New Zealand: A review of current practice and recommended changes. 2001

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