

To: The Board of The Aero Club of South Africa

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Aero Club Members

CAA Discussion document - NTCA

Neil and I spent two and a half hours with the Commissioner of Civil Aviation yesterday, 16th November 05, in order to discuss the implication of the discussion document.

In summary the result of our meeting, which was very positive, is as follows; The Commissioner will re-issue the discussion document in a more user friendly format.

However, the current document remains active and views should still be expressed and addressed in response to this document.

We pointed out that he may well receive in the order of 2000 responses to which the Commissioner replied that this will be welcome as it would represent a comprehensive overview of the issues with which he is wrestling at this moment.

The Commissioner has also acceded to our request to personally address the affected parties at a meeting to be arranged by the Aero Club of South Africa early next year when all the responses have been collated.

The Commissioner gave us some insight and background as to the reason for the discussion document publication, amongst which;

- The new legislation (Part 24, 94, and 96) was compiled by cutting and pasting international rules. In some cases this does not follow logical sequence and may lead to omissions which could result in a totally different interpretation by various individuals in the future.

There is currently no guidance material available to the SACAA as to how to manage some of the contentious issues.

- There are apparently a number of NTCA aircraft active in this country some of which as we know are operating commercially and which no longer have the support of the manufacturers, spare parts are unavailable and continuous airworthiness is questionable.

- War birds as an issue, should perhaps be treated as a separate case and each aircraft on merit in view of its prior use, which may have been for training purposes or in a combat role.

The commissioner undertook that no firm decisions would be implemented on these issues until a full consultation process has been completed.

We were very pleased that the meeting was held in a most constructive manner, and we would request that you submit your responses in similar vein.

Yours sincerely

Stan Oliver