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To Whom It May Concern:

Call for submissions in relation to human safety and health risks from the quality of air onboard commercial aircraft

The Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has established an Expert Panel on Aircraft Air Quality (EPAAQ) to investigate the potential health effects of exposure to contaminated cabin air in aircraft. Dr Michael Bollen AM has been appointed to chair the Panel. The EPAAQ panel is expected to report its results to CASA in early 2010.

CASA has tasked this Expert Panel to review the national and international scientific research and other information around cabin air quality with the aims of:

- i. establishing the current state of knowledge in relation to human safety and health risks from the quality of air onboard commercial aircraft;
- ii. recommending whether the current research initiatives being undertaken internationally are sufficient, or whether additional research is required in an Australian context and;
- iii. ~~recommending~~ any further actions that should be taken in relation to human safety and health risks.

The Expert Panel has engaged Rumball Souter Floyd and Associates, Occupational and Environmental Medicine consultants, to obtain and document available evidence for consideration by the Panel.

The Consultants are now seeking written submissions from many interested parties who consider that they have information that may be pertinent to the investigation. This is primarily a scientific review and the information being submitted should be relevant in this context; for example, epidemiological studies, medical reports, safety incident reports, toxicology studies, etc. The Consultants are especially interested in scientific research that is presently underway or is currently under consideration.

If you or your organization wish to make a submission please provide your documentation before **15 June 2009**. This information should be submitted in an electronic form ideally, as a PDF document if possible.

Electronic documents may be uploaded at www.rsf.org.nz, or emailed to cabinairquality@rsf.org.nz.

Written documentation may be sent to:

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In your email or letter please include details of your organization, contact details, a description of the documents, and your reason for submitting them.

Your willingness to participate in this project will be greatly appreciated, recognizing the time and effort that you may need to devote to this process.

Thank you for considering this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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