



# **FAAA NEWS**

**FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
(Domestic/Regional Division)**

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*Attention: All Domestic/Regional members*

## **WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT SAFETY CABIN CREW RATIO**

At our Divisional Council meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010, a resolution was passed reaffirming the FAAA's opposition to any change to the current cabin crew ratio.

The resolution is outlined in the letter overleaf for you to sign and return to the Director of Aviation Safety at CASA. The Association suggests you use this letter or respond using the CASA NPRM Response Form. Both are available as a download on our website [www.faaadomestic.org.au](http://www.faaadomestic.org.au)

Next week, FAAA team members will also have copies of this letter available for you to sign. Copies should also be available in your crew room.

Let CASA know **We're Serious about Safety** and respond today.

Written and authorised by **Jo-Ann Davidson, Divisional Secretary** on behalf of  
**Carol Locket, National OHS Convenor**

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Dear Mr McCormick

**Notice of Proposed Rule Making - NPRM 0905OS**

I am aware that the following resolution was carried unanimously by the Divisional Council of the Flight Attendants' Association of Australia Domestic/Regional Division at its' meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The resolution deals with the proposed amendment to Civil Aviation Order (CAO) Section 20.16.3 – Cabin Crew Ratios.

Be it resolved that the Divisional Council of the Flight Attendants' Association of Australia Domestic/Regional Division is strenuously opposed to and rejects as totally unacceptable any change to current safety regulations covering cabin crew to passenger numbers.

Further, the Australian aviation industry has the best and safest standard in the world. There can be no justification to change a standard that provides proper protection for the travelling public.

Further, the Association calls on CASA and the Federal Government to maintain worlds best practice and not remove safety professional cabin crew from the aircraft by rejecting arguments from airlines for change.

Further, proposals to move from a ratio of 1:36 to 1:50 are clearly at odds with the initiatives taken by the Government to enhance and improve safety and security for airline passengers.

Australians have and deserve to keep the safest skies. The commercial considerations of airlines should be rejected when cost reduction and profits are put ahead of or are in conflict with worlds best and safest aviation practice.

I fully support this resolution and call on CASA and the Federal Government not to change the current safe and workable standard of cabin crew to passenger ratio.

As an operating cabin crew member who takes their primary role as a safety professional very seriously, I am appalled that the matter is again being considered. I am aware that when the issue was before Parliament in 2003 the proposal was rejected following a serious security incident on board a domestic aircraft. Surely we don't need another incident to demonstrate that the current standard should be maintained.

Yours faithfully,

I request a response to:  
Address:

Name

Date: