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Mr Ralph Holland
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Dear Mr Holland

I refer to your letter dated 14 November 2009, addressed to Mr John McCormick, Director of Aviation Safety at the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), regarding the potential hazard to aviation caused by wind farms. Mr McCormick has asked me to reply on his behalf.

At the present time CASA has no regulatory power over obstacles not in the vicinity of a registered or certified aerodrome. CASA has, however, commissioned a review into how to identify and manage the risks associated with man made obstacles, including wind farms, which are located outside the vicinity of certified and registered aerodromes. As a result of that review, CASA proposes to develop a suite of regulatory requirements relating to such obstacles. Your comments will be taken into account in the regulatory development process and there will be opportunity for public input at that time.

The extent to which CASA will be able to influence the development and location of wind farms is uncertain at this time, as State legislation relating to land use and planning also needs to be considered.

CASA is not aware of any other national aviation regulator addressing downstream turbulence associated with wind turbines.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Trotman', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Trotman
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