

# Trailing Edge

Dear Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. I wish you both well in the forthcoming Federal Election.

I am writing to you from the Federal Seat of Batman. I am 60 years old. This is my last opportunity to avoid ending up on the Aged Pension. I am worried about my future which is in the publishing, model aircraft, aerial photography, drone industry. To increase circulation for my advertisers a copy of this magazine has been sent to every MP and Senators office and ABC 7.30.

I am not a religious person but married one who subscribes to the same team as the Member for Warringah. My wife and I are no longer together but we have been able to put aside our differences and modify to suit as circumstances changed to successfully raise our four children. Two boys 27 and 25 two girls aged 25. (Triplets) The eldest boy is a Paramedic. Eldest daughter passed the Law Degree now embarking on her career. Her sister completed her degree in Speech Pathology and has resumed her studies to become a medical doctor. Our youngest boy has recently settled on a career path and is about to complete his studies. Since taking on the successful family publishing business five years ago, competing against the Internet has proven to be far more perplexing than I imagined. To keep going I started an online shop retailing the world leading brand of radio control equipment.

The Member for Marybinong, who chaired the report into the GST threshold, its recommendations continue to shoot down genuine Aussie small businesses. Prime Minister Howard's level playing



Aerial photograph taking from DJI Inspire Quadcopter on Real Estate board at 104 Collins Street Thornbury. Click logo hyperlink

field has turned out to be a gradual descent into enemy territory.

Prime Minister Turnbull's agility in this internet world can only get me so far. Taking a leaf out of Prime Minister Keating's book and backing my own self interest, Government Department policies/regulations which are not being enforced are making it impossible for me to earn a living. Recreating Winston Churchill's WW11 letter to the Admiralty, "Pray on one sheet of paper explain why we are losing the war in the Atlantic", please answer the following....

1. Recently I lodged a complaint through the CASA Portal on a commercial Drone flight that flouted aviation regulations. The operator specialises in the real estate open to view sector. The photograph on the real estate board proves the only

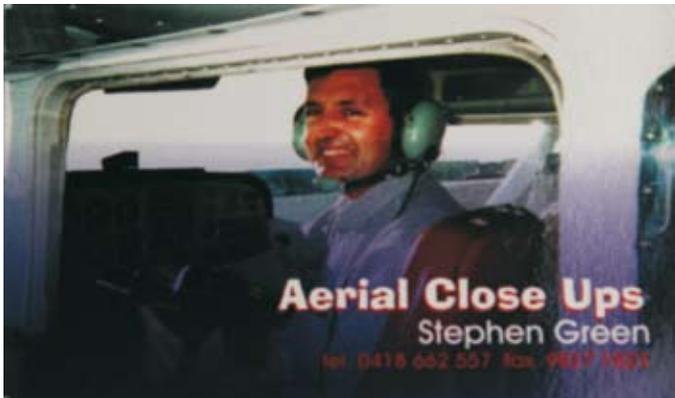
way to shoot that aerial photograph legally and safely was from a full size aircraft. Essendon airport is 8NM away yet the Real Estate Agent chose the cheaper method. Illegal drone flying is happening every day all around the country. The DJI Inspire multicopter (drone) that took this photograph does not meet ACMA regulations yet thousands continue to be retailed. Why was Qld Senator Hanson not fined for her televised drone flight that contravened Civil Aviation Regulations?

2. How many prosecutions has the Australian Communications and Media Authority launched against local businesses selling radio control equipment that do not comply with the current RCM or previous CTick Australian standard? I have a list of a number of hobbyists reselling gear that does

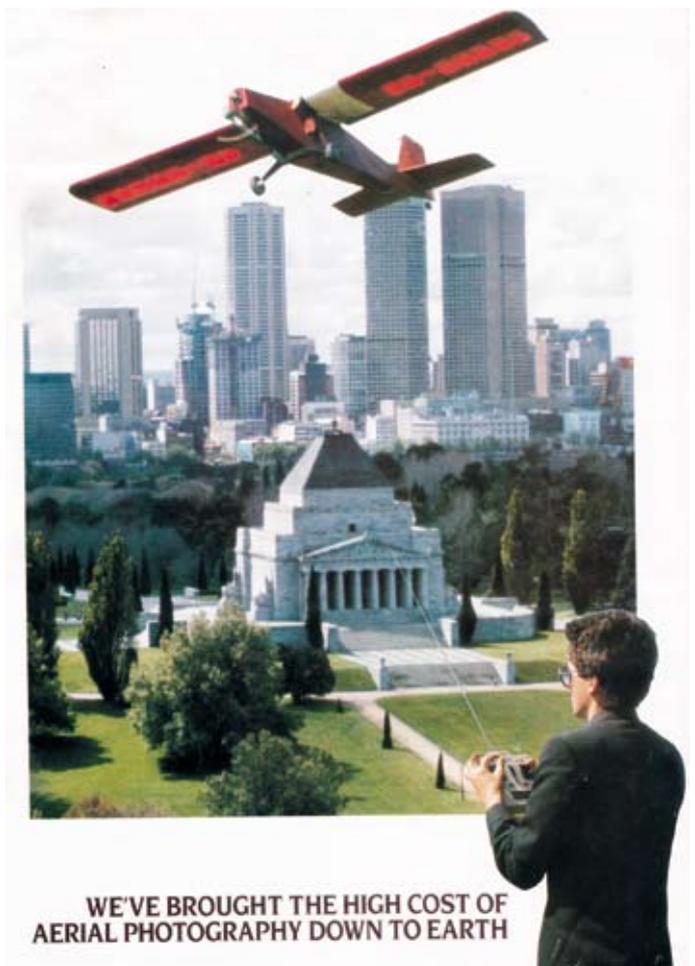
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Specialist Real Estate Photography firm. Drone Operator wore shirt with company logo



Essendon Airport to Thornbury in a few minutes



WE'VE BROUGHT THE HIGH COST OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DOWN TO EARTH

Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance 1988. Photographed legally from Victoria Police building

not comply yet ACMA officers are only checking responsible radio control hobby dealers and importers who pay the impost. How does a consumer verify if the product is actually registered. This has Public Liability Insurance implications for consumers. I have enquired through the ACMA website a number of times. Yet to receive a reply.

3. Where in the Trade Practices Act does the Federal Government's \$1000 GST free Import Policy protect it from being held liable to be prosecuted by favouring unfair practices from overseas companies. Goods continue to come in. This free ride continues to decimate legitimate Aussie retailers and importers. One has accused the Government of Treason.

Years ago I had the good fortune  
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to sit on the same table as the late Sir Peter Issaccson and the Honourble Gerry Hand MP. Gerry was the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the bride to be's brother. Sir Peter published Melbourne's Sunday Observer Newspaper and a Trustee of Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance. Of course I knew of his distinguished WW11 military service. When asked what possessed him to fly Lancaster Q for Queenie under the Sydney Harbour Bridge. he replied "it was a bright sunny day, the flying was a piece of piss. After what I had experienced to survive as a Pathfinder Pilot, what could they possibly do to me that would upset me".

In keeping with the WW11 theme, I would like to ask whose side the Government, Opposition and Cross Benches are actually on?

Yours Sincerely

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ps The irony this letter is longer than a single A4 page has not escaped me.