

# JOINING THE S&T TEAM

AusALPA represents more than 6000 Australian pilots through its Pilot Councils. AusALPA is itself a member association of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA), which represents 100,000 pilots globally.

AusALPA promotes and implements IFALPA's mission statement:

"To be the global voice of airline pilots, to promote the highest level of aviation safety world-wide and

to provide representation, services and support to all of its Member Associations."

This is mainly achieved through the Safety & Technical Committee and its seven Portfolios: Accident Analysis and Prevention (AAP), Aerodrome and Ground Environment (AGE), Aircraft Design and Operations (ADO), Air Traffic Services (ATS), Helicopters (HEL), Human Performance (HUPER) and Security and Dangerous Goods (SEC/DG) and, most importantly,

through its S&T Representatives.

On the flight deck you are protected by safety standards that have been won by your Association through the hard work and dedication of its representatives, your predecessors. AusALPA influences aviation safety standards internationally through IFALPA, which links upwards to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

On 10 November six new volunteers joined the Australian Air Line Pilots' Association (AusALPA)'s Safety and Technical (S&T) to help enhance the safety and operational efficiency of the aviation industry.

We encourage every council to have a Safety and Technical volunteer to represent their employers groups' interests.

## WHAT DOES BEING A SAFETY & TECHNICAL VOLUNTEER INVOLVE?

The role of a Safety & Technical Representatives is to advocate the position of the pilot profession in the safety and technical area through effective and efficient representation.

Volunteers are assigned to a particular Safety & Technical portfolio. Each Portfolio meets formally twice a year, as does the Safety and Technical Committee. Facilities are currently being set up so representatives can join meetings via Skype or telephone conferencing. However, most of the work is done by email.

The Portfolios are chaired by experienced representatives appointed by the AusALPA Board. These Chairs ask their Portfolio members to take on various jobs, including external representation, which may be to a national organisation, such as CASA, the ATSB or Airservices Australia or to an international body, such as the

International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations in the agreed timescale and within budget.

They may also ask representatives to help draft a response to an official document (such as a CASA Discussion Paper) or to help research a particular topic. Allocation is based on individuals' expertise, experience and level of training.

Before commencing this role Safety and Technical Representatives complete a comprehensive training course. The one-day Introduction to Safety Volunteers explains the role, introduces volunteers to AusALPA, the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations and the International Civil Aviation

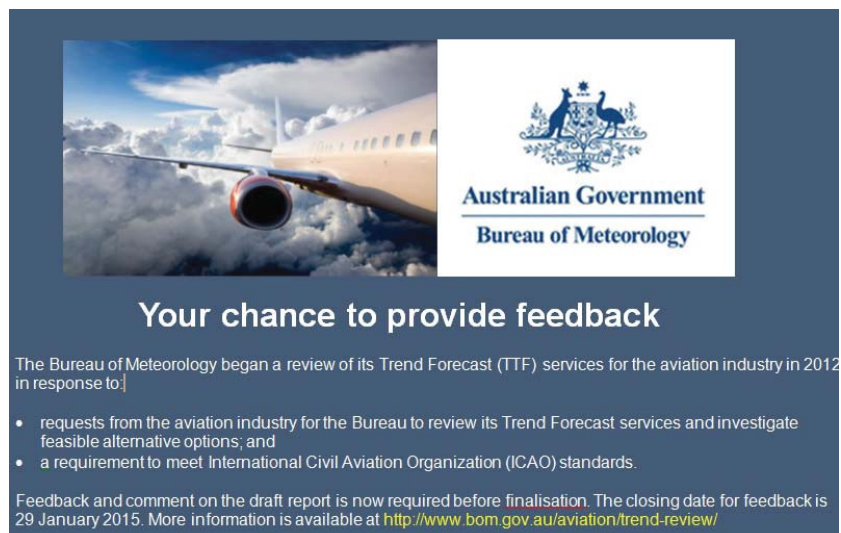
Organisation; and how to participate and the administrative back up and procedures.

There are also specialist courses to prepare representatives for their delegated portfolio(s).

AusALPA Safety and Technical staff and the other S&T reps further support representatives.

Get involved, you can spend as much or as little time as a Safety and Technical Representative as you have available.

*If you are interested in becoming a representative, please contact the AFAP's Safety & Technical Team at [technical@afap.org.au](mailto:technical@afap.org.au).*



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### Your chance to provide feedback

The Bureau of Meteorology began a review of its Trend Forecast (TTF) services for the aviation industry in 2012 in response to:

- requests from the aviation industry for the Bureau to review its Trend Forecast services and investigate feasible alternative options; and
- a requirement to meet International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards.

Feedback and comment on the draft report is now required before finalisation. The closing date for feedback is 29 January 2015. More information is available at <http://www.bom.gov.au/aviation/trend-review/>