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Dear John

Response to application for exemption – hang gliding and paragliding operations at Red Bluff and Mentone, Victoria. Hang Gliding Federation of Australia and Victorian Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association

Thank you for your application for an exemption to CAO 95.8 Subsection 4.7 (e) (iii) to permit Hang Gliding and Paragliding operations at Mentone and Red Bluff, Victoria. CASA has considered your application in consultation with Airservices Australia and is unable to provide the requested exemption at this time.

The area surrounding Red Bluff and Mentone is one of high traffic density with both fixed wing and helicopter traffic transiting, often at 500 to 600 feet, as well as being in close proximity to final approach of the NDB A approach. Given these circumstances and the potential impact on the safety of other airspace users CASA cannot approve the establishment of hang gliding and paragliding operations at these locations, even with the controls proposed in your application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Boyd', written in a cursive style.

Peter Boyd
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