

AVIATION STATE ENGAGEMENT FORUM

South Australia

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TITLE	Proposed change of CTAF – Renmark [YREN]
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CONSULTATION SUMMARY	To seek feedback on the proposal to seek a discrete CTAF due frequency congestion on 126.7
KEY ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple aerodromes are using 126.7 as their CTAF causing congestion affecting the ability to transmit at YREN • There has been an increase in Mildura and Adelaide based flying schools operating at YREN and the general area • There is an urgent need for a discrete frequency at YREN
FEEDBACK TO	Tim Laidler – Chief Flight Instructor: Riverland Flight Training rft@riverland.net.au
CLOSE DATE	29/05/2020
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

OVERVIEW

Loxton (YLOX) and Waikerie [YWKI] are on the same frequency and therefore YREN receives circuit and inbound transmissions from these airfields. Large Adelaide and Mildura based flying training organisations have indicated a preference to conduct circuit training at Renmark. Additionally Renmark has RNAV -Z[GNSS] approaches for runways 07/25 which are often utilised for training purposes. In addition to normal airspace movements at YREN including arrivals/departures and local flight training other traffic includes:

- Royal Flying Doctor [RFDS] patient transfers.
- Recreational Australia [RAAUS] training activities
- Gliding activity WI marked gliding strips and RWS 18/36
- Local owner / operators
- Seasonal bird control activity occurring at YLOX

Additional challenges include a varied manner in which some pilots broadcast – including the number of broadcasts given – which are not in alignment with those transmissions recommended in CAAP 166. This is creating an unacceptable safety risk that needs to be mitigated at the earliest opportunity.

PROPOSAL

To seek support for applying to CASA and Airservices for a discrete CTAF for YREN.