



Australian Government

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Instrument number CASA EX80/22

I, CHRISTOPHER PAUL MONAHAN, Acting Director of Aviation Safety, on behalf of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.160 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998*.

[Signed Christopher P. Monahan]

Christopher P. Monahan
Acting Director of Aviation Safety

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CASA EX80/22 – Dropping or Releasing Things from Aircraft (Grollo Aviation – Evader RPA Test Flights) Exemption 2022

1 Name

This instrument is *CASA EX80/22 – Dropping or Releasing Things from Aircraft (Grollo Aviation – Evader RPA Test Flights) Exemption 2022*.

2 Definitions

Note In this instrument, certain terms and expressions have the same meaning as they have in the *Civil Aviation Act 1988* and the regulations. These include: ***pilot in command***, ***registered*** and ***RPA***.

In this instrument:

Evader RPA means the RPA known as the Grollo Aerospace MLGRAM Evader RPA operated by Grollo Aviation.

Grollo Aviation means Grollo Aviation Pty Ltd, ARN 604356.

3 Exemptions

- (1) This section applies in relation to an aircraft registered as VH-UJA or VH-YJA (operated by Grollo Aviation) if an experimental certificate issued by CASA is in force for the aircraft that, among other things:
 - (a) authorises the use of the aircraft for the purpose of research and development (see paragraph 21.191 (a) of CASR) involving releasing an Evader RPA from the aircraft for test flights; and
 - (b) restricts the operation of the aircraft for that purpose to the following areas mentioned in the experimental certificate:
 - (i) the area at Ross River near Hale in the Northern Territory;
 - (ii) the area at Ellenbrae Station near Kununurra in the State of Western Australia.

- (2) The pilot in command of the aircraft is, when operating the aircraft under the experimental certificate, exempt from compliance with regulation 91.190 of CASR to the extent that the operation involves dropping the Evader RPA from the aircraft in flight.
- (3) Grollo Aviation and the pilot in command of the aircraft are, when operating the aircraft under the experimental certificate, exempt from compliance with Part 138 of CASR to the extent that the operation involves dropping or releasing the Evader RPA from the aircraft in flight.

Note The dropping or releasing of an RPA from an aircraft in flight constitutes a **dispensing operation** under subregulation 138.010 (3) of CASR which in turn constitutes an **aerial work operation** under subregulation 138.010 (1) of CASR. That activity would, without an exemption, attract the application of Part 138 of CASR.

4 Repeal

This instrument is repealed at the end of 31 August 2025.
