Explanatory Statement – AERU 06-026/ General Aviation Aerodrome Procedures (GAAP) Control Zones

Purpose: All changes to airspace are given legal effect by the raising of a valid Legislative Instrument, signed by the appropriate delegate. The permanent description of airspace is published in the AIP MAP products (as defined in ICAO Annex 15) and in the Designated Airspace Handbook (DAH). The DAH is issued on an alternating approximate 24/28 week cycle. The DAH lists and describes, in tabular form, the lateral and vertical limits and any other pertinent details of airspace volume.

The attachment to this instrument is a duplicate of the section of the DAH, which becomes effective 08 June 2006, describing the General Aviation Aerodrome Procedures (GAAP) Control Zones.

Operation: The GAAP Zones legislative instrument describes the area which caters for high density operations around a licensed aerodrome. A separation service will not be provided by air traffic control to aircraft operating within the GAAP zone when visual meteorological conditions exist, day or night.

Impact: The impact on the determination of GAAP Zones is expected to be negligible. These zones are established for current IFR and VFR operations within the Australian flight information region and there are no new additions in this DAH issue.

The Office of Regulation Review determined this instrument appeared unlikely to have direct or significant indirect impact on businesses and therefore confirmed a Regulation Impact Statement would not be required.