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## **UAVs to Play a Leading Role**

UAV Flight Services (UFS), a V-TOL Aerospace SBU, is set to play a leading role in the Australian General Aviation (GA) Industry. The demand for aviation assets in the Australian airspace is growing at approximately 5% per annum. This rate of growth coupled with the ability for UAVs to supplement many manned aircraft operations secures the future of commercial UAVS.

UFS Chief UAV Controller Mark Xavier said, “launching UFS appears extremely timely. Aviation industry data indicates that a shortage of pilots and aircraft is starting to impact on the Australian GA industry. With the increasing ability of UAVs to provide commercial level aviation solutions UAVs are set to play a leading role in Australia’s aviation future.



**Hi-Res Picture taken from a UFS BAT-3 Utility UAV**

It is the intention of V-TOL, in conjunction with its technology and research partners, to provide traditional Australian and New-Zealand GA end-users affordable GIS based products and services.”

“Through UFS and our unique sector relationships, we look forward to contributing to the competitive sustainability of the Australian GA sector,” he said.

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