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To:
Cc: [FOI-ATSB](#)
Subject: Unreported NMAC / AIRPROX Incident – Wattle Grove (23 Nov 2025) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 2 April 2026 2:43:35 PM
Attachments: Section 22

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Hi Section 22

Hope you are well!

We received the attached email via the FOI inbox on Monday regarding the following incident:

Near Mid-Air Collision (NMAC) / AIRPROX event that occurred over Wattle Grove, NSW, on 23 November 2025 at approximately 18:38 AEDT.

The reporter is enquiring whether the ATSB was notified of this incident as they appear to have reported it to CASA and the NSW Police directly rather than to us as is required. The second email attached contains the report submitted which appears to be via email.

I would be grateful for your assistance to check whether we received any reports of this incident so we can respond accordingly.

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Kind Regards

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Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026 10:19:00 AM

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Thanks Section 22 let me know if you need anything further.
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From: FOI-ATSB
Sent: Wednesday, 15 April 2026 4:10 PM
To: Section 22
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Subject: RE: Unreported NMAC / AIRPROX Incident – Wattle Grove (23 Nov 2025)
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Hi Section 22

My apologies for the delay in acknowledging your email.

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Thanks so much for looking into this matter, for the background info regarding reporting requirements under our Regs and confirming that the ATSB did not receive any notifications of this incident.

I will discuss with Section 22 the best way to close out this query and in our response, I will direct the applicant to Airservices for further assistance.

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Further to the below, we conducted a brief data search using FlightRadar24 and ADS-B Exchange and could not find any obvious proximity events related to that date/location. It does appear that there were multiple arrivals from the south steered over Wattle Grove on that date. I would suggest if we are responding, that they may wish to contact Airservices Australia.

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Hi Section 22

Confirming we do not have any notifications in relation to the below. It does appear that there was some bad weather in the Sydney area on this date, so there were aircraft holding for periods of time, and possible diversions.

CASA is a responsible person under the TSI Regulations and therefore if they received a notification from a responsible person under our Regs that they believed wasn't

reported to us, they must report it. However, this doesn't apply to witness or third party reports they receive. It would appear the person who has emailed is not a responsible person according to our Regs.

In regards to the question as to whether we will initiate a review of the data, we can take a quick look mid-next week, however, I can say with a reasonable level of confidence that mandatory reports are not 'suppressed' by Airservices Australia or the operators that are reported to have been involved.

Regards,

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Date: Friday, 29 May 2026 4:35:32 PM

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Hi [Section 22](#)

Thanks so much for the words below to include in the response to the applicant.
I will also suggest they contact CASA and/or Airservices for further assistance with the matter. Hopefully he is able to get the required clarification from them directly to assist with his enquiry.

Thanks again for all your efforts to look into this

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Hi [Section 22](#)

I'd suggest including the following in the response:

The ATSB did not receive notification from any listed responsible person under the TSI Act and supporting Regulations regarding a near collision or separation-related aircraft incident on 23 November 2025. This includes the owner/operator of both aircraft, a person performing an air traffic control service in relation to the aircraft (Airservices Australia) and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

The ATSB conducted an internal database search of all notifications received on or

around 23 November 2025 and further conducted a search using FlightRadar24 and ADS-B Exchange.

You are correct that without having a report from a responsible person, there are no further resources to be allocated to this request. The only other option available to us without having a notification, would be to contact Airservices Australia to re-confirm they do not have a report but I'd be pushing back on the applicant to contact them if able.

Chat when you are back!

Regards,

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I emailed the applicant with the information you provided (**attached**), and they have come back with some further questions, specifically:

- *whether the material provided was reviewed in detail*
- *whether any assessment was undertaken based on that material*
- *whether any data sources beyond publicly available tracking (e.g. FlightRadar24 / ADS-B Exchange) were considered*

This request is to understand how the information provided was handled following your request for it.

I did a bit of reading, and my understanding is that if it was a near miss, it would be

classified as a reportable serious aircraft incident which would be a routine reportable matter rather than an immediately reportable matter, however, still require notification:

Reportable serious aircraft incident as defined by the TSI Regulations near collision requiring an avoidance manoeuvre to avoid a collision or an unsafe situation, or when an avoidance action would have been appropriate. (Immediate evasive action was required or should have been taken to avoid a collision.

Putting all that together with the information you provided previously, we would assume if this incident occurred either the ATSB or CASA would have received a notification from a responsible person (eg the pilots)? Given we have not received any notifications of this incident, I assume our normal process would be that we wouldn't look into it any further, is that correct?

I would be grateful if you could please provide some guidance on how to respond to this applicant regarding how we have treated the information provided and whether we would look at any other data sources in such a situation where we received a report from a witness.

This is not an FOI request so it isn't urgent – I just wanted to make sure I provide them with the correct information on how we would handle such a notification.

Thank you as always!

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