

Dick Smith Flyer

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Media Release - World Record - Over 1 Million Passenger Movements

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WORLD RECORD

OVER 1 MILLION PASSENGER MOVEMENTS WITHOUT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

DICK SMITH TO GIVE SPECIAL "RISK" AWARDS TO THE ATSB AND AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA

Avalon Airport, near Melbourne has now operated for two years with over 1 million passengers in "dirt road" uncontrolled airspace.

Dick Smith said, "This is a world record not even achieved in Africa and other third world countries. How long will the Government hold its nerve?"

"It is a form of Russian Roulette with small planes mixing with large jets on a "do it yourself" system.

Dick Smith said, "I plan to give a special award to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) for keeping the safety incidents out of the media so that Qantas can maximise its profits.

"I would also like to give a special award to the Board of Airservices Australia for preparing a flawed safety study so that the situation can continue. I do not know of anywhere else in the world that has large jets operating in such a risky way," said Dick Smith.

"With this experiment with passengers' lives, has the Government shown that air traffic control is not necessary at all?" asked Dick Smith.

"It is obvious that profits paid to executives of airlines and regulators can quickly compromise safety," said Dick Smith.

"There should also be a special award for the Australian media for being so gullible as to allow this situation to exist," said Dick Smith.