



LifeFlight Australia Modern Slavery Statement 2020-2021



### **About LifeFlight**

LifeFlight is a world leader in aeromedical care, with a core purpose to save lives and serve the community.

For more than 40 years, the company has operated a fully integrated fleet of LifeFlight rescue helicopters and air ambulance jets with its own dedicated team of emergency medical specialists, flight crews, clinical coordination specialists and engineering and maintenance crews. Together, the team provides the people of Queensland and beyond, with the assurance that emergency medical care is available 24/7, 365 days a year, no matter where they live.

In addition to integrated aeromedical services, LifeFlight performs international air ambulance repatriation services, inter-hospital transfers, dedicated aeromedical rescue services for industry, and aviation training. Through its joint venture operations, the company provides law enforcement and search and rescue aviation services.

LifeFlight is committed to treating its patients, workers, suppliers and joint venture partners with dignity and respect, ensuring safe working conditions and conducting environmentally responsible, ethical operations.

Our commitment reflects a dedication to the highest aeromedical and air transport safety standards in the world to achieve our mission and vision.

#### Our Mission

To save lives and serve the community through the provision of rapid response critical care.

#### **Our Vision**

To be the first choice charity and air medical evacuation organisation.

This Statement is made by LifeFlight Australia Limited (ABN 45010316462) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine Limited (ABN 83101511719), LifeFlight Commercial Limited (ABN 91627081930) and LifeFlight Foundation Ltd (ABN 63618170184), (together the "Company" or "LifeFlight") under the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth). It covers the financial year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and is LifeFlight's first Statement under the Act.

This Statement sets out the actions taken by LifeFlight during the period to establish systems and internal awareness to prevent, detect and respond to modern slavery within our own operations and supply chains.

Throughout this Statement we refer to 'Modern Slavery' which includes slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking. Where the Statement refers to 'we', 'us' and 'our', it is a reference to LifeFlight.

LifeFlight does not tolerate any forms of slavery and human trafficking in our business or supply chain.



## **Our structure and our** operations

LifeFlight Australia Limited and its subsidiaries (LifeFlight) are 100% Australian owned. We are committed to a culture of ethical and appropriate corporate behaviour in all business activities. This includes acting with integrity, honesty and in accordance with good governance principles.

LifeFlight employs some of the most experienced and qualified aviation professionals in the world including flight crews, emergency medical teams, engineering personnel, safety and systems specialists and program managers. We have an established track record in saving lives and adhering to the highest level of compliance with all applicable civil aviation regulations and specialist medical accreditations.

Providing six air ambulance jets, 14 search and medical retrieval helicopters from nine Australian bases, LifeFlight is one of the largest aeromedical operators in Australia with a search and rescue region of 53,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>. Additionally, the company provides aeromedical and humanitarian services directly into the Asia Pacific region and, through proven international partners, around the globe. We deliver rapid-response critical care to patients in trauma situations such as motor vehicle accidents and patient retrievals from ships at sea, to neonatal and cardiac inter-hospital transfers, international medical evacuation and repatriations, and law enforcement search and rescue services. We have exceeded 68,000 missions over four decades.

LifeFlight is one of only two integrated aeromedical providers world-wide, meaning we directly recruit our own team of critical care doctors, nurses and paramedics, and our own flight crews, engineers, maintenance teams and aviation systems specialists to operate our own fleet of aircraft. To ensure a seamless, safe operation, these teams work and train together. LifeFlight has its own aviation training academy at Brisbane International Airport, and operates the LifeFlight Communications, Coordination and Control (3C) Centre where 12 aviation coordinators managed 43,386 calls in the 12 months to June 30 2021.

In 2020-2021 LifeFlight employed 150 critical care doctors and performed 2,113 helicopter missions and 494 air ambulance (jet) missions.

Our expertise extends to telephone medical advisory services, the supply of prehospital medical specialists on contract to third parties, remote locations medical services and tasking co-ordination.

#### Structure

LifeFlight Australia was established in 1979 for charitable purposes and remains a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. LifeFlight Australia reports to a seven-member Board.

LifeFlight Australia has three wholly-owned subsidiaries, all of which have charitable status:

 LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine Limited – provides the medical workforce (doctors, nurses and paramedics) into Queensland's aeromedical retrieval network through a contract with Queensland Health. It provides medical crews for both fixed wing and rotary wing aeromedical retrievals.

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- LifeFlight Commercial Limited is the entity through which LifeFlight
  undertakes commercial opportunities to raise funds, including air ambulance
  jet missions for national and international repatriation, aviation training and
  aeromedical services to other commercial and public sector organisations
- LifeFlight Foundation Ltd is the charitable community fundraising arm of LifeFlight.

LifeFlight Australia has commercial interests in four joint ventures:

- StarFlight Australia Pty Ltd established jointly with Fox Aircraft Services (part of the LinFox Group of Companies) to provide domestic aviation solutions for emergency services, defence and industry clients
- MediFlite Ltd established jointly with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Queensland to provide additional aeromedical services into regional Queensland
- LifeFlight Singapore Pte Ltd established to provide international jet air ambulance and emergency humanitarian services, including services for the United Nations
- Aeromed established jointly with Lewis Hotels for the leasing of air ambulance jets into the LifeFlight commercial business

LifeFlight Commercial Ltd has a 50 percent interest in:

StarFlight Victoria Pty Ltd – established jointly with Fox Aircraft Services (part
of the LinFox Group of Companies) to provide law enforcement and emergency
search and rescue services to the Victorian Government

LifeFlight Australia also provides air training services to its group of companies and other air operators through the LifeFlight Training Academy. It provides world class aviation engineering and maintenance services to all the LifeFlight companies and to its joint venture partners StarFlight Australia and StarFlight Victoria.

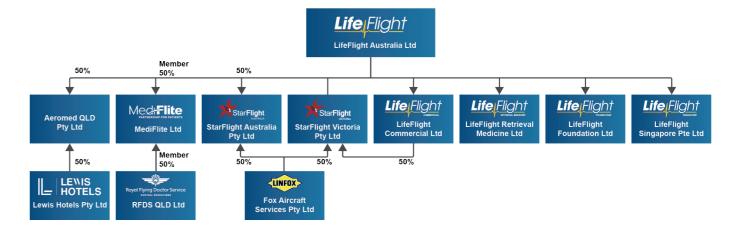
LifeFlight has a number of service agreements with significant commercial and public sector entities for the provision of aeromedical and search and rescue services, which are funded by government, public fund-raising and commercial service provision. These include:

- 1. Aeromedical and retrieval services for Queensland Health
- 2. Aeromedical services to a consortium of gas companies in Queensland's Surat
- 3. Consultant level medical advice to Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- 4. Aircraft provision for Tasmania Department of Health aeromedical services (Rotor-Lift Aviation)
- 5. Commercial repatriation services (governments and commercial companies)
- 6. Dedicated jet air ambulance services into Asia Pacific
- 7. Law enforcement and search and rescue services for the State Government of Victoria.

The following diagram describes the relationship between LifeFlight and its subsidiaries, and affiliate companies.

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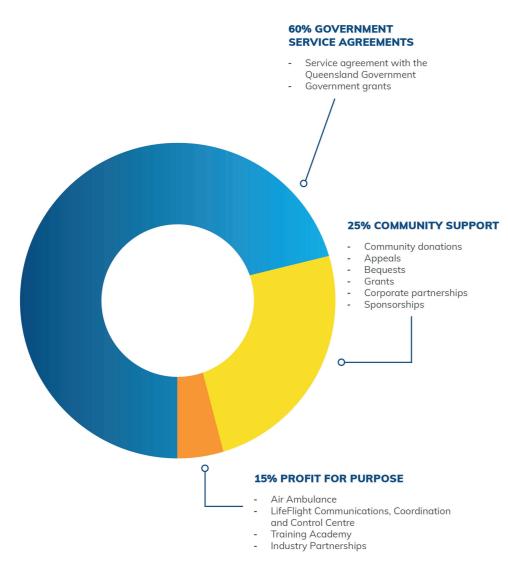
#### **LifeFlight Australia Company Structure**



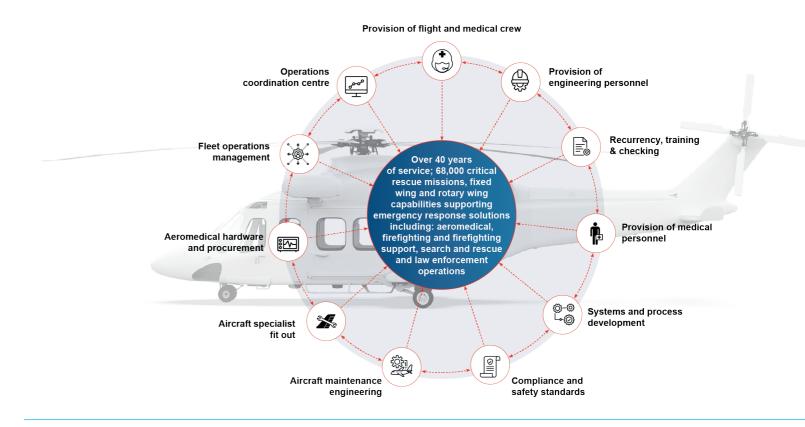


#### **Funding Model**

LifeFlight operates a 'profit for purpose' funding model with a single objective to sustain vital life-saving services to Australian communities. All profits created by LifeFlight companies, including LifeFlight's interests in commercial joint ventures, government contracts, international jet retrievals and its training and engineering services, are directed back into LifeFlight Australia to fund its emergency aeromedical rescue and retrieval services.



#### **Capabilities**



#### Our capabilities include:

- medical repatriation and evacuation
- pre-hospital and inter-hospital critical medical care
- aeromedical tasking and coordination
- emergency medicine specialist personnel, training and hire
- aircraft mission systems
- law enforcement
- specialised training for the aeromedical and aviation industries
- telephone medical advisory services
- remote area medical and retrieval services to the resources industry
- search and rescue
- aircraft engineering and maintenance
- firefighting and firefighting support
- safety and assurance.

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#### **Our Assets and Bases**

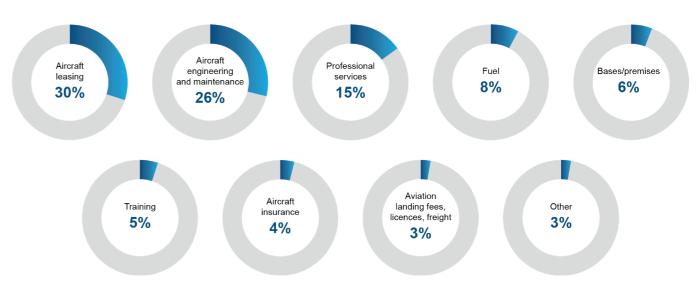
LifeFlight has an extensive fleet of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft which operate from nine bases throughout Australia – seven in Queensland, one in Victoria and one in Tasmania. LifeFlight's emergency medical crews are deployed from those seven Queensland bases, and from four additional Queensland bases (Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton and Archerfield) where they are contracted to third party aeromedical and emergency rescue providers.



# **Supply chain**

Our value chain consists of suppliers who provide services directly to LifeFlight such as the leasing of specialist fixed and rotary wing aircraft, aircraft mission systems, medical and surveillance technologies, engineering and maintenance support, training and aviation-related construction (hangars and accommodation).

Our 2020–2021 spend profile by supply category is shown in the following diagram. By far our largest area of supplier spend relates to aircraft leasing and aircraft engineering and maintenance.



Aircraft leasing and aircraft engineering and maintenance account for almost two thirds of our supply chain in terms of supply category and percentage spend. The single largest supply category is aircraft leasing, primarily through Australian based leasing organisations. However, reflecting the spirit of the Modern Slavery Act, and for the purposes of this Statement, we have included the international aircraft manufacturers in our reporting and due diligence processes. Most all of these companies are already identified in LifeFlight's Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers for the provision of engineering services to LifeFlight.

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#### **Tier 1 suppliers**

LifeFlight's Tier 1 suppliers are defined as those who provide the highest proportion (by value) of LifeFlight's engineering, assets, logistics and corporate services annually.

In 2020-2021 Tier 1 suppliers comprised GECAS Australia, Leonardo Company and AeroMed who provided aircraft leasing and/or engineering and maintenance services to LifeFlight.

- 1. **GE Capital Aviation Services Australia** part of the largest commercial aviation financing and leasing company in the world, through which LifeFlight leases rotary wing aircraft. General Electric (GE) Company has a published Modern Slavery Statement under the Australian Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act 2012. (www. ge.com)
- Leonardo Company designs, builds and maintains high performance commercial aircraft, at operations based in Italy. The company supplies aircraft engineering and maintenance services direct to LifeFlight, and is the manufacturer of a number of helicopters in LifeFlight's fleet. Leonardo has a published Modern Slavery Statement commensurate with European laws. (www.leonardocompany.com)
- 3. **AeroMed** a joint venture between Lewis Hotels and LifeFlight, based in Australia, through which LifeFlight leases a number of jet air ambulances for its commercial aviation business

#### **Tier 2 suppliers**

LifeFlight identified six Tier 2 suppliers, defined as those who provided the next highest proportion (by value) of services to support its operations in 2020-2021.

- 1. World Fuel Services (WFS) Australia a leading aviation fuel supplier at airports and air bases around Australia. It is one of the largest fuel supplier groups to LifeFlight's operations in Australia. WFS has a published Modern Slavery Statement under both Australian and UK laws. (www.wfscorp.com)
- Bell formerly Bell Helicopters one of the leading suppliers of commercial helicopters to the global aviation industry, with headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. It provides aircraft engineering and maintenance services to LifeFlight. Bell's parent company Textron Inc. has a published Modern Slavery Statement under California supply chain transparency laws of 2010. (www.textron.com)
- 3. Bombardier a global manufacturer of commercial jets including the Learjet, Challenger and Global, based in Canada. It supplies aviation engineering and maintenance services to LifeFlight and is the manufacturer of a number of jets in the LifeFlight fleet. Bombardier has a published Modern Slavery Statement under the United Kingdom Modern Slavery Act 2015. (www.bombardier.com)
- 4. Lease Corporation International (LCI) Helicopters a helicopter leasing company based in Ireland. LCI leases Airbus, Leonardo, Boeing and Bombardier rotary and fixed wing aircraft to major airlines and emergency and rescue organisations worldwide. LifeFlight leases a number of its helicopters through LCI.
- 5. **Pratt & Whitney** a Canada-based aircraft engine manufacturer that provides aircraft engine maintenance for LifeFlight. Pratt & Whitney's parent company Raytheon Systems Ltd has a published Modern Slavery Statement under UK modern slavery legislation. (www.raytheon.com)
- 6. **Thales Australia** specialises in avionics and aerospace electronics and is the major maintenance, spares and systems supplier to the Australian Defence Force. Thales provides flight simulation services to LifeFlight as part of the LifeFlight Training Academy for specialist aviation crews. Its parent company Thales UK has a published Modern Slavery Statement under UK legislation. (www.thalesgroup.com)



## **Our position on Modern Slavery**

LifeFlight is committed to safe workplaces and to limiting the risk of modern slavery within our business and supply chain.

We seek to do business only with those suppliers and partners, regardless of their global location, that have similar values, ethics and sustainable business practices, including a commitment to eliminating modern slavery and upholding human rights.

#### **Our Values**

LifeFlight aims to model our own values in the way we work (as shown in the diagram below) and also in the way we work with our partners and suppliers to prevent or eradicate modern slavery practices in their operations and supply chains.



#### **Our Non-Negotiable Principles**

To ensure that we align our risk management activities with the company's values, LifeFlight refers to overarching Non-Negotiable Principles in its Risk Framework. These principles help to set LifeFlight's expectations not just for what work needs to be delivered, but how we expect business to be conducted.

- we are committed to safety as our first priority
- we comply with laws and regulations
- we treat people with respect
- we act with honesty and integrity, upholding ethical standards
- · we are committed to true and fair financial reporting
- we are committed to environmental sustainability
- we have a responsibility to safeguard LifeFlight's reputation, brand, property, assets and information
- we proactively manage risk

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### **Potential risks within our** operations and supply chain

During 2020-2021, LifeFlight assessed its potential supplier risks across its highest spend categories (Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers were reviewed and prioritised).

Potential risks for modern slavery were assessed according to:

- geographic location of services and suppliers
- industry sector
- product or service.

#### Geographic location of services and suppliers

Almost 80% of LifeFlight's supply spend is within Australia and almost 100% of its staff are domiciled here. Almost one third of the company's supplies, by percentage spend, relate to aircraft leasing primarily through Australian based leasing/finance organisations.



The second largest service, by percentage spend, is for aircraft engineering and maintenance services. The maintenance of aircraft, and aircraft engines, is a highly regulated industry and in instances like engine maintenance, are part of a maintenance program directly with the aircraft manufacturer. LifeFlight sources its maintenance services directly from the aircraft manufacturer at its global operational site, or in Australia where the manufacturer has a subsidiary engineering and maintenance site.

LifeFlight's second largest supplier, by country of origin (12%) is the USA and Canada, the manufacturing base for Bell (Helicopters), Bombardier and Pratt & Whitney who are already identified as LifeFlight's Tier 2 suppliers. These companies provide aircraft leasing, aircraft engineering and aircraft and engine maintenance services to LifeFlight.

LifeFlight also sources aircraft engineering and maintenance services directly from Leonardo Company, the global helicopter manufacturer based in Italy, Europe and a Tier 1 supplier to LifeFlight. Italy is the third largest supplier, by country of origin, to LifeFliaht.

The category 'Other', at 1%, largely consists of aircraft landing fees payable in 2020-2021 to airports in New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Noumea, Indonesia, East Timor, New Caledonia, Malaysia and UAE.

Seven of nine of LifeFlight's identified Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers have registered Modern Slavery Statements applicable to their jurisdictions and governing their procurement of goods and services.



#### Industry sector and product or service

As a leading aviation and emergency services provider, LifeFlight operates under medical aviation and quality and governance accreditation, including International Standard ISO 9001: 2015. LifeFlight endeavours to continually improve services which meet or exceed this International Standard, in addition to all relevant Australian Standards.

This Quality Assurance requirement on aviation manufacture, engineering, parts and maintenance support, requires highly skilled service provision. Products and services and subject to regular internal and independent reviews, inspections and tests to verify that safety and quality assurance requirements have been met. This is done before aeromedical services are released or services are delivered and is a continuous process to ensure quality improvement as well as compliance.

LifeFlight considers that because our suppliers deliver professional high-end equipment and proprietary technology and services, that must meet the same international quality management systems, they pose a low risk to LifeFlight from modern slavery practices.

Such practices include (but are not limited to) reliance on unskilled labour, exploitation of female, seasonal and child workers, underpayment of wages, or excessive working hours.

However, we appreciate that our relationship with suppliers could, in turn, impact how we might cause, contribute or be associated with the risk of modern slavery practices.

As such, LifeFlight's Risk Assessment Framework has been updated to incorporate Modern Slavery risks. A new Modern Slavery Risk Management Plan and Modern Slavery Partner and Supplier Questionnaire will assist in identifying modern slavery risks in our own operations and in our supply chain. A Modern Slavery Working Group will oversee the monitoring and review of modern slavery risks. Causes and controls will be identified in the Corporate Risk Register for quarterly review by the LifeFlight Risk and Audit Committee.

Further, the LifeFlight Code of Conduct and the Contracting and Procurement Policy have been updated to help staff (and where appropriate, partners and customers) to proactively recognise any part of the supply chain that may be vulnerable to Modern Slavery risk, to avoid any exposure by LifeFlight to Modern Slavery practices.

The company's risk assessment recognises that the legal and reputational consequence of any Modern Slavery practice in our supply chain is a serious matter.

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## Actions Taken in 2020-2021

LifeFlight has updated its Code of Conduct to reflect the company's expectations of staff, contractors and partners with regard to Modern Slavery and other human rights matters, unethical or illegal conduct. A Contracting and Procurement Policy highlights the company's expectations of its suppliers with respect to ethical sourcing and fair dealings in the procurement process. These expectations will be included in supplier arrangements going forward.

Additionally, during 2020-2021, LifeFlight focused on improved corporate governance and updating and/or developing the following documents:

- Code of Conduct
- Risk Management Framework
- Modern Slavery Risk Management Plan
- Contracting and Procurement Policy
- Modern Slavery Policy
- Modern Slavery Partner and Supplier Questionnaire
- Whistleblower Policy
- Anti-Fraud Policy
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy
- Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policy
- Grievance Policy

This policy suite will assist LifeFlight to source infrastructure, equipment, services and supplies in a manner which meets not only our legal obligations and the standards set by our owners, but the expectations of our customers and partners, and the patients and communities we assist.

Appropriate training will be delivered by the HR team to ensure every employee understands the company's commitment to our values, the standards of behaviour expected by LifeFlight, our Shareholders and our external stakeholders, and the support available to them should they need to take action under these policies.

In addition to governance improvements, LifeFlight has initiated several important actions during the period.

A Modern Slavery Working Group – A Working Group has been convened by the Director of HSSE and includes key senior staff from Risk and Assurance, Commercial and HR teams.

Going forward this group will meet every six months to review and report to the LifeFlight Risk and Audit Committee progress on the following:

- training and education to achieve internal awareness of Modern Slavery prevention, the commitments within LifeFlight's Modern Slavery Statement and potential risks in LifeFlight's supply chain
- include in the formal induction for new staff awareness of Modern Slavery risks and commitments
- assess all existing supplier and partner arrangements for Modern Slavery risks, and identify and act on any areas of potential exposure
- ensure new supplier contracts set out our expectations with regards to Modern Slavery

- ensure all commercial contacting staff can identify industries or locations which may pose greater Modern Slavery risks and should be targeted for immediate attention
- implement the Contracting and Procurement Policy
- by 30 June 2022, ensure all new suppliers are aware of LifeFlight's expectations of its own representatives, and its expectations of those it does business with, in terms of combatting Modern Slavery in their own operations and supply chains.

Additional Due Diligence Process – While LifeFlight's current risk assessment for modern slavery has not identified any material industry sector or location risks, a comprehensive due diligence process is being undertaken.

An initial action of the Working Group was to commission a Modern Slavery Partner and Supplier Questionnaire. This will be distributed to LifeFlight's Tier 1 and Tier 2 contractors in Q4 2021, to provide valuable data and information for LifeFlight's ongoing supplier management, supply chain risk analysis and reporting.

This additional due diligence will gather, document and review the following supplier information to assess and mitigate Modern Slavery supply chain risks and maintain a responsible and transparent supply chain going forward.

- Supplier details
- Parent company details
- Modern Slavery Statement "Y/N"
- Approach to dealing with Modern Slavery
- Visibility of supply chain by types of goods and services and country of origin
- Due diligence in screening suppliers
- Due diligence/governance checks undertaken by supplier.

Results will be provided in LifeFlight's Modern Slavery Statement 2021-2022.

The LifeFlight Board has oversight of the company's annual Modern Slavery Statement and progress in achieving the commitments it contains.



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### **Modern Slavery Statement 2020–2021**

### **Authorisation**

The Board of LifeFlight has authorised and approved the publication of this inaugural Modern Slavery Statement 2020-2021. LifeFlight is pleased to publish this Statement.

Given the company's growth plans, we believe this document to be a strong foundation for us to track, trend and improve upon our progress in combatting all forms of Modern Slavery in our supply chain, in line with Board and community expectations.

LifeFlight is focused on the safety and welfare of people. We are dedicated to upholding the commitments made in this Modern Slavery Statement.

Hon. Robert Borbidge Chairman (Non-executive)

LifeFlight Australia

Hon. Jim Elder Chairman (Non-executive) LifeFlight Commercial

