Space Law and Aviation: 
Communications ... and a Whole Lot More

Steven Freeland
Professor of International Law, Western Sydney University
Permanent Visiting Professor, iCourts Centre of Excellence for International Courts, Denmark
Visiting Professor, University of Vienna
Visiting Professor, University Toulouse1-Capitole
Associate Member, Centre for Research in Air and Space Law, McGill University
Adjunct Professor, University of Hong Kong (from 1 September 2019)
Adjunct Professor, University of Adelaide
Member of Faculty, London Institute of Space Policy and Law
Director, International Institute of Space Law
Member of the Australian Academy of Law
Co-Principal, Azimuth Advisory Pty Ltd
Space Law and Air Law
Two Peas in the same (International Law) Pod?

• International law => (often) a reaction to technology
• Space technology and communications – a long and successful history
• Space technology for aviation communications – eg FANS
• Major differences between air law and space law / delimitation and definition?

... but ...

• ‘Blurring’ of distinction between two sectors in a practical sense => aerospace vehicles / aerospace zones? / applicable law?
• Need for coordination between ATM and STM
• Some other (space) law issues – ‘space object’ / liability / status of spaceflight participants etc