

Submission regarding aircraft noise over Forrestdale, Byford, Wungong, Oakford and Armadale Suburbs Perth WA

Firstly I would like to point out that prior to the first initiation of flights over this area, we the residents were never full informed of the proposal, nor were any minutes ever kept of comments regarding those few residents who were aware of same.

This was a most unsatisfactory situation indeed and smacks of secrecy and disregard for those likely to be affected.

As with many other families we purchased this property for the relative peace and quiet of the area. Yes we have to live with a certain degree of generally piston engined aircraft from Jandakot but in the main operations of any consequence are shut

Down most evenings. In addition to this the short low flying smaller aircraft rarely set up the kind of vibration or incessant drone of the larger passenger jets that occurs for a far longer period than the smaller planes.

Another point that shows remarkable stupidity is the statement by a certain politician that we should all share the noise load. In my view excessive noise such as that from large aircraft or even vehicles that run excessively large base woofers is

The rubbish that has steadily polluted the life style of humans over the past century. Even in 1965 the only noise in our street apart from children playing was the sound of the periodic tram. Surprisingly things were extremely quiet back then.

However as for the statement that we should all share the noise that is akin to saying that rubbish tips need to be located in every suburb so that we all have a share of the smell.

In my view and whilst passenger traffic may be important there is a far greater number of people on the ground that deserve to get their rest. Yes you can test areas with noise meters but there are certain types of noise that grate against the

Human psyche. I have lived for quite a while near the Zoo and whilst the noise from the animals yelping or the hyenas Laughing” may be within noise limitations I struggled to get my rest and consequently moved. I do not want to move again

Nor do I want my property devalued simply because some people want an overseas holiday.

If we looked at this situation properly and prepared for the future and not the short term fix at everyone else’s expense we would have an airport further north with runways facing the ocean. Either parallel or in a V formation.

The railway is not that far from a suitable location and perhaps special trains could be run at night.

My submission is that we were never consulted, the change was never publicised sufficiently for general coverage and comment.

The imposition of this new flight program could even be classed as illegal and an infringement of quiet enjoyment.

The fact that the initial comments that were made by those few aware of the coming situation were never documented could also be classified as illegal if in fact it was a time for public comment. There is no point having public comment if no one is recording the comments.

That is after all the whole aim of the comment period.

Further to this I have only just found out about this submission period by reading the comment news in a doctors waiting room.

How are we to know what's going on?? At least in our area (Forrestdale) it should have either been published in the Forrestdale Rag or information as a flier sent to residents. This is far too important to be swept under the Carpet or achieved by stealth.

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