

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

My name is Yvonne Renshaw and I live at 5 Vernon Avenue, Mundaring WA 6073. In 1997-98 my partner and I purchased 17.5 acres of land, bordered by the Beelup National Park and an A class Reserve. The purpose of our purchase was to seek a quieter, more relaxed lifestyle than the one we enjoyed in the City. Our plan was to slowly develop the property into a luxury retreat. In the following ten years, we spent \$1.5 million dollars turning an old brick and tile house and derelict homestead into a piece of paradise.

As early as September 99 we approached the Mundaring Council and successfully achieved a licence for holiday accommodation and our plan started to take shape.

Please look at the website www.coreluxuryretreat.com.au and you will see the type of business we have set up with our entire capital. The words, 'rest', 'recreation', 'rejuvenation', 'peace', 'tranquility' appear throughout. This is not an environment where one comes to hear aircraft flying overhead 24 hours a day.

I accept totally that a vibrant airport facility is a benefit to all the residents of Perth, however, the decision to route aircraft 24 hours a day over an area that is renowned for its peace and tranquility and where the vast majority of people have bought their properties in order to avoid the noise and rush of every day life is highly questionable.

The large aircraft don't seem to make anywhere near as much noise as the small jet propelled aircraft (what I guess are mine site planes as they are heavy on Monday and Tuesday mornings very early) who fly low and directly over the property at unreasonable hours.

I have invested my life's earnings into this property. I now have a husband with a brain tumour, who can't work and the property has become my sole income. If this had been a scheduled heavy aircraft route we would never have bought the property in the first place. Further my fear is when the expected mining boom kicks in during 2010 the problem will merely exacerbate - and significantly.

My option would be to sell the place, but who would want to buy a luxury property or luxury retreat with an aircraft route directly overhead, especially as the current problem can only increase dramatically as the population explodes in the coming years.

Please, rethink this. Whilst we all have to contribute to a growing community, to route aircraft over an area established as 'tree change', tourism, alternative lifestyle, is poorly thought through strategically.

I look forward to the results of your enquiry in June 2010 and sincerely hope that you will be able to do something to stop this error of judgement.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

YVONNE RENSHAW