

To Who it May Concern,

I am writing to complain about the aircraft noise we in the Perth Hills have been subjected to since flight paths were changed in November 2008. Due to summer winds the first we knew of any change was when planes started to fly over our house constantly for days from 5.30am until 2.30am. At first i thought perhaps it was a temporary change but then when this continued and i rang airtservices to find out what was going on i found out that a permanent change had been made in November and this was now a permanent violation of our peace and tranquility. The lady i spoke to at Airtservices actually told me the changes had been made to save fuel costs for the airlines, she went on to say that this would never be admitted but was the real reason for the changes!!

When we purchased our house we checked for highway noise, noisy neighbours and flight paths, we actually chose not to buy another house because it was on a flight path and chose our house because it wasn't...Well it is now and with no consultation, prior warning, apology or compensation we are now faced with the constant roar of aircraft. How fair is this in a democratic country where everyone is supposed to have a say? We have referendums about daylight saving but we are told nothing about something so important and impacting on our lives as flight path changes.

So, when the wind direction is from the North or East (I now check the BOM web site daily to see what we are in for the following day) planes begin flying over our house at 5.30am, by 7.00am we have had 20 planes fly over and this continues on and off throughout the day until 2.30am the following morning. I have counted in excess of 70 planes roaring over our house and this is a place where we barely had any planes flying over. On these days my children are woken at 5.30am and we are unable to sleep through the night without being woken up by the noise...11.00pm, 11.30pm, 12.00am, 2.00am and then 2.30am. I cannot begin to explain the anger, fustration and disappointment we feel, and to know that this is it for as long as we live here..from March until November it is more or less every day, we have had a slight respite during the summer because of the winds!

We have decided to sell our home as we cannot live with this excessive noise pollution, we have three young children, the youngest is only 3 months old, this will be a huge strain on us as a family but we feel we have no choice as the noise will only get worse as the airport gets busier and the value of our house goes down. It is going to be hard enough to sell with the constant noise as it is and we do not know how this will affect the price we get for our house.

I feel the residents of the Perth hills and all other affected areas have been treated disgracefully and with Airtservices failing to answer questions or explain what has happened this proves that they have no respect or consideration for residents affected by their actions.

I believe that the flight paths should be put back to what they were and a full public consultation take place so that everyone has a chance to put forward their opinion and be heard and considered.

Thankyou for listening to my complaint regarding this matter.

Regards
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