

**SUBMISSION TO SENATE ENQUIRY INTO THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA
MANAGEMENT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE IN
PARTICULAR ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT
THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE EFFECTS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT
FOR WHICH IT HAS LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.**

- 1) I live in Floreat Western Australia. Floreat is approximately 40 minutes drive from both Perth main airports (ie domestic and international). Floreat is a latitudinal south of both these airports. Floreat is very near the west coast (say 4 kilometers) and is between Perth city and the sea, ie west of both airports. An important point is that almost all Perth's logical air flight routes are headed away from Perth in either an East or North direction only (in terms of where passenger destinations are). Almost none would need to go south or west of Perth since almost all destinations are north and east of Perth. In other words, no logical person would envisage air planes having to come south and then west to go over Floreat since Floreat is both south and west of both Perth airports.**
- 2) Over a year ago Floreat started getting loud air plane noise overhead, mainly from 4.30 am onward to around 7.30 am. We also have far more general airplane traffic than we have ever had previously, in fact one is going overhead right now as I write this (5.30pm week day) and one went over just a few minutes ago. These planes have been heading south from the Perth airports (a few minutes) and then bending west to the coast and then north, straight over our house or near to over our house. This is almost a dark comedy skit (in that is as though someone were playing an evil trick on our suburb and surrounding suburbs), being totally illogical. Instead of going where the destination is, that is, north or east directly from the airport, the planes are flying in an opposite direction , ie south from the airports, then west and then finally back the other way, north (where they originally needed to go). My family is constantly woken from plane noise around dawn each day. I am staggered that someone in authority has, at the stroke of a pen, changed the quiet amenity of this neighborhood. And of**

course , that this can happen in Australia today with no consultation.

- 3) There has been NO consultation with Air Services Australia (ASA) over this switch in air traffic to over our suburb. There has been no information, no advertising, no engagement by ASA.**
- 4) Rumours abound. One is that Pearce Air Base is not to be flown over anymore, despite is having been flown over for decades? Another rumour is that ASA is sharing traffic by sending the planes south then west and north over us. (Even though it would seem that noone has ever complained in order that they should do this). Other rumours indicate that some Government people don't like the Western Suburbs etc. We simply have no idea, since there has been no communication. We wonder why we chose to live well away from Perth's airports (and paid a hefty land premium accordingly) only to receive so much air traffic anyway?**
- 5) If these aircraft must go north by going south and then west from the airports and then north, why on earth would they not go west then north over the sea, which is just a few seconds more to the west? The planes would then fly up the coast over the ocean) , slightly off shore, effecting nobody. Far fewer houses would be affected. This is just one idea, which, had there been any communication at all, we would have been able to discuss with ASA.**
- 6) We beg that the Committee address this issue of complete lack of communication by ASA immediately and bring some common sense to air traffic management.**

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