

The Committee Secretary,
Senate Rural Regional Affairs & Transport Committee,

Dear Madam,

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I refer this email to you and all committee members for the inquiry into the Effectiveness of Airservices Australia's Management of Aircraft Noise.

Late in the inquiry process, Airservices have released documents including the consultant AECOM's report. During the Perth Hearings, Mr Russell and Mr Owen Of Airservices both referred to the "independent" status of this report. It is the only non-internal Airservices report regarding WARRP. Mr Russell is quoted from Hansard at the Perth Hearings as saying the following about this report-

RRA&t p.96 28 April 2010-

Mr Russell..."This is borne out by independent noise monitoring that we have undertaken under the flight paths..."
And Mr Owen confirms with the following-
Mr Owen..."We have had some independent noise studies undertaken..."

RRA&T p101 28 April 2010-

Mr Russell..."If that is the case, yes, we will certainly look at it. But the early information we are getting is not indicating that the aircraft noise at those locations is excessive. It is independent. When it is completed and we have a little more data..."

Mr Russell..."I think that would be our intention. The point is not just to be independent but transparent, and I think that that is something that the public would expect of us to do..."

RRA&T p 112 28 April 2010

Mr Owen..."The data we have looked at so far with our independent noise studies is showing that the noise levels are still not significant in terms of our threshold criteria..."

All these quotes from the Hansard by these gentlemen from Airservices refers to the consultant AECOM's report. However the evidence submitted below brings into question the so called 'independence' of that consultant's report.

I refer you to the following in the report:

Revision 1 of 22 April 2010 Including Client Comments on Draft and

Revision 2 of 23 April 2010 Including Client Amendments.

This appears to show Airservices Australia exercised editorial control during the production of the document. Given these are Client initiated revisions, it therefore brings into question the independence of the Report, despite what Mr Russell and Mr Owen were saying before the Senators at the Perth Hearings.

Yours Sincerely,
Cr John Daw

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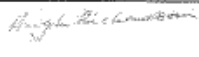
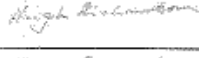
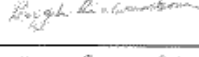

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