

Dear Sir;

I am a resident of the Belmont City in the suburb of Cloverdale. I have lived at this address for the past 30 plus years. Originally only small aircraft used the "East West Runway" but at the end of 2008 after extending the runway, larger noisier planes began using it. The runway extension was done with little, if any, public consultation - bordering on secrecy. The extension of the runway was obviously undertaken when the Parallel "North South Runway" was stopped for one reason or another. The noise from planes using the North South Runway was tolerable and in existence when I purchased my property. I was well aware of it and it did not concern me all that much.

The flight path for the East West Runway is across my backyard, almost and the noise from aircraft using it is a great deal more concerning, louder and very frequent on regular occasions. I moved to Cloverdale from Guildford to escape the aircraft noise and now it has followed me.

There is no embargo on flight times at Perth Airport, as there is in Sydney. Flights are diverted to Canberra in order not to impinge on the curfew at Sydney. The flight path to Botany can be over totally uninhabited ocean but then again, this is Western Australia. Some planes can utilise a "North South runway" in Sydney but usually only when weather requirements make it necessary.

If the North South parallel runway was constructed the flight path would be almost the same as before and would reduce the interference from noise to fewer people because at the southern end, the final few kilometres are over industrial locations and not private housing. This raises the question that maybe this was the original planning and was the reason for the development of the Kewdale industrial precinct NOT being urban development. It is noted that the Swan Shire has rapidly allowed development to the North of the Perth Airport on the North South Runway flight path. Was this to deter development of that plan and shift the noise to other shires or cities bordering the Perth Airport?

I understand the airport is there and it's relocation would be a great expense but that is no reason to alter plans and impose noise on residents who have not been adequately forewarned of the imposition and whose property values have been adversely affected by the increased noise. The Plans were for the creation of a parallel runway. WAC have now encouraged industrial development of the land and the parallel runway is probably a thing of the past. Let WAC pay for the sound proofing of all dwellings two kilometres either side of the flight path and for a distance of at least ten kilometres from the end of the East West runway in both directions. WAC has the money from the land they have developed and sold. WAC altered the plans and instead of developing the parallel North South Runway, forced the extension of the East West Runway and caused this problem. There is no reason for the Taxpayers of Australia to be saddled with this expense because of the greed of a semi government corporation, let that "autonomous" corporation pay for the problem that it has caused.

My understanding is that WAC has made little, if any, monetary contribution to alleviate the increased utilisation of the surrounding infrastructure in Belmont City, caused by it's development of the land. Belmont City residents in addition to the increased aircraft noise, have increased traffic noise and increased infrastructure degradation. It is high time WAC paid for something. Double glazing and sound reducing insulation would be a start.

Yours Sincerely

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