

To the Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Sir,

I am a resident of the Sydney Suburb of Milperra which is under flight paths from Bankstown Airport.

The Senate Inquiry into Airservices Australia only came to notice following an article in the Sunday Telegraph (11/4/2010) - "Up in the air over noise"

Prior to this there had been no communication in our local area that this Inquiry was being held

I note that the deadline for submissions has now passed and therefore my comments might be accepted as an advising

Light plane and twin propeller pilot training from Bankstown Airport over Milperra increased substantially from November 2009 from 5 to up to 50 circuits an hour This has been primarily due to closure of Hoxton Park Airport

Complaints to Bankstown Airport Ltd regarding the extreme and relentless noise by the continuous low flying aircraft have been ignored with the airport management in denial.

I have lodged four noise complaints by phone to Airservices Australia but after being advised by them that any noise complaint is only referred to Bankstown Airport Ltd, I consider this service a waste of time.

Referring a noise complaint for attention of the organisation causing the problem does not provide any hope of a resolution when in this case Bankstown Airport Ltd does not accept that the noise issue exists.

Airservices Australia also continually advised that there had been no change to flight paths over Milperra and surrounding suburbs but failed to acknowledge that the number of pilot training circuits had increased substantially thus causing the unacceptable noise level.

I trust this information may be of interest to your Inquiry

Stuart Smith