

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members.

I have lived at Kareela for the past 30 years. Never in that time has aircraft noise been an intrusive problem.

The noise levels experienced were no doubt due to a systematic and fair distribution of the inescapable noise factor associated with modern air travel.

Further the authorities directed aircraft over the coastal waterways to minimise debilitating levels of resident interference.

However in the past 8 or 9 months or so the level of aircraft noise over the Shire and particularly Kareela has become unbearable.

Planes traverse the suburb from east to west, north to south and west to north incessantly. They do so at particularly low levels and as early as six am on the majority of days. The noise is incessant until about 10.30 pm.

I regularly complain to Airservices Australia who simply tell me their task is to simply record the complaint and pass it on to the appropriate officer for further compiling and further passing on. They insist they have no problem solving capability, their function is to record the complaint.

Airservices Australia is of no assistance in the matter whatsoever.

The person who has been most helpful is Scott Morrison the Federal member for Cook along with Mr. Kevin Hill a member of the local advisory committee.

I fully understand that aircraft noise is a part of everyday life in the 21st century. But it should be reasonably spread out and not concentrated over two or three suburbs that suffer continually from dawn to late at night each and every day.

I am constantly told it's a "technology issue". Well let's use that same technology to spread the noise evenly and reasonably over the whole area.

This was a quiet little backwater village. That's why we paid the premium and built here. Now that has been destroyed by an unthinking change to a corridor of flight that was over 5 kms wide to one about 50 metres wide.

Airservices Aust. is simply incapable of any problem solving or amending the flight path to be a reasonable distribution of noise where every one gets a fair go.

I thank you for your consideration,

Colin Fegan