

28th January 2010

Dear Senate Standing Committee,

My submission is strongly opposed to the change of the flight path as currently aircraft fly directly over our home.

We chose this location for its tranquillity and the wellbeing of our medically unwell children.

This peace has been shattered since Air Services Australia altered the existing arrangements unannounced.

The first indication, at this address, of any change to flight paths was the arrival of aircraft overhead.

In the media it has been reported that RAAF Pearce and the military have expanded their flight corridors, thus impacting on traffic flow into Perth airport. With residential development expanding to now be within reach of RAAF Pearce then should the government be looking to move this military base from an urban environment for the wellbeing of current and future residents and not forgetting the potential security risk of a military target within city limits?

This influx of aircraft has a disturbing noise impact over a previously serene environment that includes a section of the renowned Bibblimun trail, State forest No. 54 and the Helena Valley water catchment area that feeds into Lake O'Connor.

Some consideration or even studies might be given to the potential impact on the native birds and animals through the Perth hills, not the least being the endangered red tailed black cockatoo.

In closing, consideration should have been forthcoming with community consultation prior to any drastic change in the flight path.

Yours Sincerely,

Kevin Rutherford