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Dear Sir/Madam,

Air Services Amendment Bill 2018

I am in strong support of the above Bill. The Bill provides very important protection for communities affected by aircraft, which is currently not available under existing legislation.

The incoming number of air flights over East Melbourne has become most notable and intrusive, consequently causing safety concerns.

In raising these concerns, I have been informed that flight paths have been de-regulated which surely is a serious safety risk. Especially in the vicinity of the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Melbourne's central business district.

The noise of overhead aircraft can be such as to make telephone conversation difficult, also listening to the radio, however the greatest concern is the frequency of flights, the possibility of safety breaches and the very obvious security risk.

Surely in these days of violence and terrorism, to have unregulated airspace over or nearby major sporting facilities and a major Australian city is unacceptable.

I would have thought international flight standards would have stringent safety standards in similar circumstances to our local requirements of residential protection ?

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