

Mr Graeme Frost

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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Inquiry into the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise

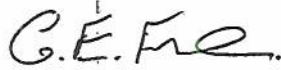
I wish to make a submission to this inquiry and have asked Mr Scott Morrison MP to submit a submission on my behalf. I will try to make the key points that are the basis of complaints to Air Services over the years. Some of these will need more than Air Services to fix.

- The first lot of complaints about increased aircraft traffic and the noise generated from it go back at least 4 years or more. My better records include the last 3 years and Mr David Southgate should remember some of my concerns in correspondence with him a few years back.
- The major point of concern is why do we now have major flight paths over our area of Sutherland Shire namely Kareela, Miranda, Gymea Bay and Grays Point.
- Please look at Air Services data with the number of flights over the Gymea Bay area, and also note the area is not just in the flight path but a major intersection of other paths, there's a much greater density of traffic and the noise it generates here because of the intersecting paths. Also these numbers keep increasing with the years and especially holiday seasons. All types of aircraft, now including Helicopters at all hours, that produce unacceptable noise levels at low altitude.
- So called noise sharing arrangements are not a solution over Gymea Bay, as how do you share an intersection? Sharing can also be used to spread a larger number of planes over a bigger area and therefore increases the problem of noise for everyone in the community.
- Why do we have flight paths over suburbs when Sydney Airport is situated adjacent the coast with all of the ocean to use as flight paths.
- Why do we have large numbers of flights out of curfew hours especially arrivals before 0600am with some reported as early as 0300am, the excuse from Air Services is because of some dispensation loophole in the curfew act. Well we need to have it fixed!

- Response from Air Services to registered complaints are fairly basic and just confirms what has been complained about, no solutions just a recorded complaint number and go away. August and September 2009 being the worst for the number of recorded complaints (up to 30 in a month).

Thank you for accepting my submission and I trust my concerns will be given due consideration in the Committee's review of this very important issue.

Yours sincerely



Graeme Frost.