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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this submission for the Senate Inquiry into the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's management of aircraft noise. As a local resident adversely affected by aircraft noise, especially at night, I would like to express my support for Steve Irons MP and his campaign for a noise amelioration scheme, and insulation compensation for local residents such as myself.

Since November 2008, when flight paths were changed, I have noticed an increase in air traffic movement over my house, especially between 11.30 pm and 12.30 am at night. The sound of aircraft, and the subsequent vibrations created by their engines, is so loud it often rattles my window pane, and has woken me from my sleep. I find this level of noise at such a late hour very disturbing, especially on week nights when I need to wake up early for work the next day. I feel insulation compensation for residents living directly under flights paths is the least Airservices Australia could provide, short of imposing a nighttime curfew on Perth airports.

I do not believe Airservices Australia has undertaken an effective, open and informed public consultation strategy in my community, which is adversely affected by aircraft noise. I also believe that they do not have adequate triggers for public consultation, or have willingly created or implemented a noise management strategy. Nor do I believe that Airservices Australia has considered an equitable noise-sharing arrangement to protect the environment from the effects associated with aircraft for which it is responsible. I agree that Airservices Australia requires a binding Community Consultation Charter to assist it in consulting fully and openly with communities affected by aircraft noise.

I think that this is an important issue, and that the negative impacts of aircraft noise on the community should be recognised and more prominently considered and acted on by Airservices Australia in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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