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

RE: Inquiry into the effectiveness of Airservices Australia's Management of Aircraft Noise

My name is Rebecca Roberts and I live in Darlington WA 6070.
In 2001 I bought my perfect little piece of paradise away from all the noise and pollution of the city and I may I remark payed top dollar at the time for the privilege!

I have spent the last 9 years working extremely hard on my garden turning it into a wild life haven for Kangaroos, bandicoots, bird life and frogs to name a few. I felt that this was an important step in an ever decreasing natural habitat.

Over the last 18 months my peace and quiet has been completely shattered by numerous planes going over my house continuously.
Had the residents of the area been consulted as to what Airservices were planning to do about the flight paths I would probably have made the decision to move even though I really do not want to. Trying to sell my house in the future would be harder as I am sure it decreases the opportunity of new owners wanting consistent plane noise!!!

If the flight paths are not changed I will have no option but to move as I moved to the hills for peace and tranquillity not thundering planes going past sometimes up to three in a five minute window.

I have attended all the meetings and it has become clear to me that Airservices not only did not inform the public as to what they were planning to do with the changes to the flight paths but they did not factor in the landscape i.e. the reverberation of noise that the beautiful hills provide as a natural occurrence.

I am not an unreasonable person and I understand that air travel is obviously increasing but I do not understand why all the planes have to go over one area. I think this is grossly unfair I believe that all flights should be shared around the metro area so that not just one area is affected so badly.

Also I would like to make a point that when we went to the Shire of Mundaring to meet with Airservices they said that one of the main reasons that the flight paths were

changed was the fact that Jets as well as propeller planes were using the same flight paths which was unsafe. I would like to pass comment that this is still occurring as I watch all the planes go past my balcony as I am sitting after a hard days' work trying to relax and ignore them!

The noise levels Airservices say "is about as loud as a normal conversation" - I would like to say that I find this laughable and would like someone to come and try and talk to me in the garden when a jet is going over. Also they are supposed to fly at 5,000 feet I also say this is not happening as I watch the flaps go down on the planes and can literally hear them as well!!!

In the meeting they also put a map up of the Military airspace in Western Australia and this was one of the reasons why all the planes had to go in a funnel. I beg to ask the question why the military need all this airspace? Can they not decrease theirs in a bid to help the sanity of the Perth residents?

In other countries and in deed other states they have a curfew on times that planes can fly over suburban areas. We have planes all night long and it is most noisy first thing in the morning from about 5.00 a.m as I am often woken up by them!

Again in other States of Australia and other countries some people that are in the flight paths have insulation and/or double glazing subsidised for them..

To be honest I feel jaded as to what has happened with the lack of community consultation and the reason that the Hills people are the most vocal is because we made a life style choice of moving to the Hills for a specific reason which is normally to get away from the rat race and have some peace and solitude.

No wonder we are vocal this has been obliterated.

Thank you for the opportunity of being heard and I await a response form you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Roberts