

Submissions on Air Services Australia

In undertaking this inquiry, the committee shall consider whether Air services Australia:

- (a) has conducted an effective, open and informed public consultation strategy with communities affected by aircraft noise;
- (b) engages with industry and business stakeholders in an open, informed and reasonable way;
- (c) has adequate triggers for public consultation under legislation and whether procedures used by Airservices Australia are compliant with these requirements;
- (d) is accountable, as a government-owned corporation, for the conduct of its noise management strategy;
- (e) has pursued and established equitable noise-sharing arrangements in meeting its responsibilities to provide air traffic services and to protect the environment from the effects associated with aircraft for which it is responsible;
- (f) requires a binding Community Consultation Charter to assist it in consulting fully and openly with communities affected by aircraft noise; and

I would say emphatically yes.

The AA says talk to the Federal Members as they write the laws: AA:

I have lodged four aircraft noise complaints for you for your internet submissions to either the Noise Enquiry Unit or to Feedback, as follows:

Complaint 222646 dated 30/08/2009 and Complaint 222817 dated 31/08/2009 –Noise assessments are generally not done at secondary airports such as Moorabbin. The noise assessments are based on identifying aircraft movements and matching them with flight plans so that the aircraft type and route can be identified. Few pilots submit flight plan details when operating at secondary airports, so the noise assessments are of little value. More information on the Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System is published on the web at <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/projects/services/reports/nfpms/default.asp>.

The Aircraft Noise Regulations are a Federal matter, so proposed changes to them would be best handled by your local Federal Member.

Complaint 223188 dated 05/09/2009 –Some light aircraft have mufflers fitted, and some don't. The noise limit is not applicable to each individual aircraft, but is a noise level placed on the class of aircraft depending on weight and engine type. The aircraft noise is not monitored on a continuous basis and planes are not routinely tested. You can read more about aircraft noise regulations on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government web site at <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/environmental/noise.aspx>.
Complaint 223536 dated 13/09/2009.”

Simon Crean says talk to AA as they deal with Noise complaints:

‘Like you, a number of residents have expressed concern regarding noise associated with airport activity. This issue has been discussed with officers at the Environment Protection Authority, who have advised that **residents concerned about aircraft noise should contact the Airspace and Environment Regulations Unit of Air Services Australia regarding their concerns.** The contact details for the unit are: Air Services Australia, Noise Enquiry Unit PO Box 211, MASCOT NSW 1460, Telephone: 1800 802 584 (free call) 1300 302 24 (local call) or Email: community.relations@airservicesaustralia.com ‘

- (g) any other related matter.

Thank You
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