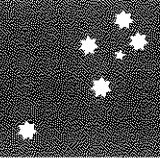




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**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA'S
MANAGEMENT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE**

As the local Member for West Swan I have been contacted by a number of constituents in regards to the increase in noise from aircraft traffic due to the change of flight paths at Perth airport made in 2008.

While many of the constituents realise that changes are necessary and air traffic will naturally increase over time they feel there was a lack of consultation from Airservices Australia in the changes that were made.

Many residents have been left frustrated by Airservices Australia and the lack of consultation and lack of notification in regard to the changes to Perth airport's flight paths. I have been approached by a number of residents from the Bennett Springs estate that are concerned over the volume and proximity of air traffic to their homes.

I believe that wherever possible flight paths should avoid built-up residential areas and that Airservices Australia could improve its consultation process and information distribution in regards to flight path changes.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

***RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES
COMMITTEE ENQUIRY INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AIRSERVICES
AUSTRALIA'S MANAGEMENT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE***

On behalf of affected residents, the City of Armadale wishes to express extreme concern about the lack of consultation of our citizens with regard to changes to aircraft flight paths to and from Perth Airport and the potential deleterious affect of aircraft noise on parts of our hills community.

Although it is acknowledged that formal submissions to the abovementioned enquiry closed on 29th January, it would be appreciated if the City's concerns could be taken into account when considering those submissions.

Of particular concern has been the lack of public consultation with the City and affected residents, about the new routes and the likely impacts the route changes would cause. It is noted that the City is not represented on the Noise Management Committee established by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services in 1999, as a consultative mechanism to enable local government and the communities they represent to work cooperatively with the aviation industry.

The lack of a forum to hear and to be heard has exacerbated the problem and the community feels disempowered and disaffected as a result. Regular communication on anticipated flight path and traffic volume changes as well as monitoring and reporting of noise impacts currently experienced by residents would at least enable the community to be better informed.

The City wishes to support concerns expressed in the submission by the Department of Transport that:

- “.....ASA may need to re-examine its communication with stakeholders, particularly those with non technical backgrounds. Further ASA need to:
- engage effectively with those affected communities to mitigate reaction to Perth and Jandakot airport operations; and
 - engage more fully with the PANMCC to develop efficient processes for environmental assessment of its future changes to flight paths.”

This is a matter causing significant concern to parts of our hills communities and it would be greatly appreciated if your Committee could give careful consideration to the points made by the City in its final deliberations.

Yours sincerely



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