

DEAR SIR/MADAM

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY OBJECTION TO THE EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT NOISE WE ARE NOW SUBJECTED TO ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS IN THE SUBURB OF ROSEBERY WHERE I LIVE .

THE AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE 11 YEARS SINCE I FIRST MOVED HERE AND IT IS PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN WINDOWS AND DOORS ARE OPEN.

IT SEEMS THAT ON THE WEEKENDS AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY SUCH AS LATE AFTERNOON WE ARE LITERALLY BOMBARDED WITH NOISE WHICH IS SO LOUD THAT IT PREVENTS YOU FROM HEARING WHAT IS ON THE TELEVISION.

EARLY MORNING FLIGHTS ALSO DISTURB IMMEDIATELY THE CURFEW CEASES AT 6AM, ANY HOPE OF REMAINING ASLEEP IS IMPOSSIBLE .

THERE ARE ALSO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF FLIGHT TAKING OFF OUTSIDE THE 11PM -6AM CURFEW BUT INTERESTINGLY THESE NEVER COME ACROSS THE SUBURB AS THIS WOULD PRODUCE TOO MANY COMPLAINTS.

THE CURRENT TREND IS VERY LOW TAKEOFFS AT FULL THROTTLE DIRECTLY OVER ROSEBERY WHEREAS IN THE PAST A STEEPER ASCENT PREVENTED SOME OF THE NOISE AS THE AIRCRAFT BANKED AND BECAME FURTHER AWAY BEFORE THE IMPACT OF THE NOISE .

NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE COMPLAINTS LINE PROVE USELESS, YOU RARELY GET A LIVE PERSON TALKING AND WHEN A MESSAGE IS LEFT ASKING FOR A CALL BACK , NOTHING EVER HAPPENS .

WHEN ON ONE OCCASION I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO AN OPERATOR AND ASKED WHY THERE WERE SO MANY FLIGHTS OVERHEAD I WAS TOLD IT WAS DUE TO THE WIND WHEN IN FACT IT WAS SO DEAD CALM IT MADE THE RESPONSE LAUGHABLE .

I BELIEVE PART OF THE PROBLEM IS DUE TO THE CAPACITY OF THE AIRPORT WHICH IS FAR TOO SMALL TO HANDLE THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC AND THE NEED OF A SECOND AIRPORT IS SO OVERDUE THAT IT IS RIDICULOUS .

THERE HAS TO BE A REASON WHY FLIGHTS ARE NOT DIRECTED STRAIGHT OUT TO SEA, PERHAPS IT INVOLVES AIRCRAFT USING TOO MUCH FUEL.

AS I WRITE THIS E MAIL THIS EVENING THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY STREAM OF FLIGHTS SINCE 5 PM , IT IS NOW 8-30PM AND STILL CONTINUING.

THE RESIDENTS OF ROSEBERY DESERVE BETTER THAN THIS AND IT IS TIME THAT AN INDEPENDENT BODY LOOKED INTO THE WHOLE MATTER.

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