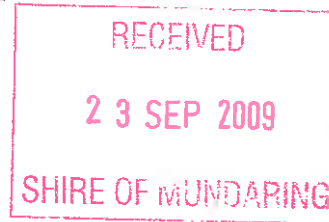




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Dear Councillor Daw

Thank you for your email dated 26 August 2009 to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, about changes to flight paths at Perth. Your letter has been forwarded to Airservices Australia for response.

As I advised Shire of Mundaring Councillors at our meeting of 25 August 2009 referred to in your letter, Airservices was required to change the air route structure at Perth to address emerging safety issues identified by Australia's independent aviation safety regulator, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). Airservices' subsequent review of flight paths at Perth formed part of the Western Australia Route Review Project (WARRP) which commenced in July 2006. The resulting changes were approved by CASA and implemented on 20 November 2009.

Also as advised, the consultation model employed during the project is one our organisation uses nationally for airspace reviews. At Perth, this involved the Perth Airport Aircraft Noise Management Consultative Committee which is comprised of various community representatives, including Federal and State MPs, local councils (including the Shire of Mundaring), community organisations and the Western Australia Government, over an approximate 2½ year period prior to the changes being made. Airservices regularly updated this group of community stakeholders on progress of the review, including detailed information on new arrival and departure routes, so they in turn could inform their respective organisations and constituencies.

It appears Airservices could have provided greater clarity and improved information to the committee during the project period, however feedback on this is now only occurring in hindsight. We are closely monitoring the new route structure for Perth from both operational and community impact perspectives and will seek to make improvements where possible. We remain committed to looking at every opportunity to ameliorate the impact of aircraft noise to the community resulting from the project.

I trust this information addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely



Richard Dudley
General Manager

18 September 2009