

Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional
Affairs and Transport Inquiry into the effectiveness of Airservices
Australia's management of aircraft noise

by

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There is a very substantial increase in aircraft noise in my immediate neighbourhood since 'sharing the noise' came into operation at Sydney airport. This area gets aircraft noise not only from the east-west runway but there is also more severe noise from aircraft spreading out after taking off from the third runway. Aircraft now fly frequently right over my house and as they do so they are climbing under power and are very noisy. The noise here is very much greater than it was before the introduction of the noise-sharing policy and there was no satisfactory planning process in advance of this, nor has provision been made for mitigation of the effects such as double-glazing, soundproof insulation, etc. in this area. In addition there is noise from helicopter flights which pass directly overhead at low altitude.

I wrote letters, including data on overflights, to Airservices Australia, to the Hon. John Howard (then Prime Minister) and to the Hon. Laurie Brereton (then my local MP) during the early part of the operation of 'sharing the noise'. The noise situation remains essentially the same, and I am now submitting two of these letters (attachments 1 and 2), inviting the Committee to read them as the detailed part of my submission.