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To: The Hon Julie Bishop (MP)
Member for Curtin

Topic: The high volume of air traffic using flight paths over the City of Subiaco

From: Concerned homeowners and residents within the City of Subiaco

We would like to bring to your attention the issue of increased air traffic using flight paths over the City of Subiaco and surrounding suburbs. There has been a noticeable rise in noise levels at various times during the day and night. An example noted was five flights between 7am and 8am on a weekday and four flights between 5pm-6pm on a Sunday, in conjunction with up to 20 plus carriers using the airspace over Subiaco on a daily basis.

The City of Subiaco is a high density urban and commercial environment which now has to accommodate escalating noise levels, from a source that should be minimal due to our geographic location in relation to the airports. One can only speculate that the entry and exit flight paths using the Perth International Airport have been shortened to save on fuel costs, plus the location and design of the facility was completed without long term planning considerations to include the community.

No doubt there will continue to be an increase demand for flights with the Gorgon Project and other joint ventures set to commence production in the next year and beyond. While the State Government has endorsed these initiatives, it is perplexing to learn that our air traffic is controlled and overseen by The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

On behalf of the community it would seem timely that some communication, information and alternatives be forthcoming from the State Government to the Federal Transport department to resolve the aforementioned issue in the hope that less intrusive flight paths can be designed to prevent an emerging problem.

Yours Truly

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