

I would like to make comment on the forthcoming senate enquiry into the above matter. I live at Queens Park, Perth, W.A and are affected by aircraft noise.

Over the last 5 years the volume of aircraft movements into Perth has by newspaper articles increased by 33% and will continue to grow mainly due to the resources boom, population migration into W.A. and discount air carriers.

The suburb of Queens Park is directly under the flight path and coupled with no curfew leads to a 24 hour aircraft movement.

Queens Park is a growth suburb as older larger blocks of land give way multi unit dwellings. Residents affected by aircraft noise will increase as much as the volume of aircraft movements.

I do not feel a curfew is an option due to time variation between Perth and the eastern seaboard but feel a system of sound insulation to affected residents should be made available. It is available to the residents of Adelaide and Sydney, so why should the residents of Perth not have the same benefits?

Another factor that needs consideration is that the vast majority of homes are cooled by Evaporative coolers which to work need at least certain windows to be left open to allow air flow. This would lessen the benefit for example of double glazed windows. The only alternative is air conditioning.

I feel that Airservices Australia does not take seriously the impact of aircraft noise nor wants direct dialogue with affected residents.

Perth is a rapidly expanding city with mainly multi unit dwellings being built in areas affected by aircraft noise and it is time that the matter was taken seriously.

That Airservices Australia can also alter flight paths without consulting affected residents is also a sign of arrogance.

Best regards,

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