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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee  
On Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
Parliament House  
PO Box 6100  
**CANBERRA WA 2600**

Dear Madam/Sir

## **Submission Aircraft Noise**

As the Member for Swan Hills in Western Australia which covers the areas of Bullsbrook in the north, Wooroloo in the east and extends to Gidgegannup and Parkerville in the west and south, I have been following this issue closely for many months and attended the public meeting at the Shire of Mundaring on 3 February 2010.

At this meeting Air Services Australia (ASA) conceded that the public consultation process prior to change of the flight path had been deficient and that noise monitoring had yet to be conducted.

Whilst I do appreciate that air traffic has increased since 2000 and that there is an urgent safety requirement to separate the air space shared by jets, light aircraft and turbo props, I believe that something needs to be done to alleviate the impact on those residents that are experiencing a higher incidence of air traffic.

Although ASA maintains that the number of residents affected by traffic noise has been reduced, those that are in the flight path are suffering a disproportionate increase in air traffic. This seems extremely unfair and is something that needs to be addressed.

The obvious discrepancy between the online flight tracking system, WebTrak, and the actual commercial flights according to their timetables is concerning, notwithstanding the 'uncontrolled' aircraft that fly outside ASA's area of control.

Residents need better protection against changes to flight paths and I understand that certain local and state jurisdictions overseas apply caveats to land titles in noise aircraft areas, at least appropriate signage should be required to alert potential property buyers.

## **Swan Hills includes:**

Aveley  
Bailup  
Baskerville  
Belhus  
Brigadoon  
Bullsbrook  
Ellenbrook  
Gidgegannup\*  
Glen Forrest  
Henley Brook\*  
Heme Hill\*  
Hovea  
Lexia  
Mahogany Creek  
Melaleuca  
Middle Swan\*  
Millendon\*  
Mundaring\*  
Parkerville  
Stoneville  
The Vines  
Upper Swan  
Wooroloo

\*Part suburbs

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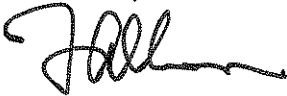
Compensation in such cases should be considered or alternatively noise dampening insulation and double glazing for windows and glass doors.

Two further issues that need to be addressed are:

- a. Legislated limited on noise levels
- b. Curfew over Western Australia
- c. Ban on noisy old air planes.

On behalf of my constituent, thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours faithfully



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