

Dear Senators

Re-ASA Inquiry.

My name is Emmanuelle Daw, and I moved in Chidlow in 2001, thinking this place to be away enough from the city and airport to make it a quiet place to live. However, Chidlow has revealed itself to be an increasingly noisy area, due to aircraft.

So I am submitting the following complaints in relation with the ASA inquiry:

- 1) ASA HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE EFFECTS OF AIRCRAFT OPERATION. Chidlow is increasingly affected by aircraft noise pollution, especially from Turbo aircrafts. IT IS NOT EFFECTIVE TO INCREASE FLIGHTS OVER A COUNTRY TOWN WHEN THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES TO FLY OVER UNINHABITED FORESTS AND FARMLAND.
- 2) a) AS FAR AS I AM AWARE, ASA HAS NOT CONDUCTED AN EFFECTIVE, OPEN AND INFORMED PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS LIVING UNDER FLIGHT PATH.

d) ASA IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS NOISE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY. IT IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR AFFECTED RESIDENTS, AND YET, THEY HAVE FAILED THEIR DUTY BY NOT CONSULTING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND NOT USING GOOD SENSE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS THAT RESULTED IN THE SHOCKING FLIGHT CHANGES.
- e) ASA HAS NOT ESTABLISHED AN EQUITABLE NOISE SHARING ARRANGEMENT AS THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE CHIDLLOW IN THE HILLS THAT NOW RECEIVES AS MANY OVER FLIGHTS WHILE BEING FAR AWAY ENOUGH FROM THE AIRPORT. CHIDLLOW HAS THREE DIFFERENT ROUTES OVERHEAD WITH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FOR EACH OF THEM. WHILE NOT BEING WRITTEN ON MAPS AS BEING DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, THE PLANES ARE INDEED MOSTLY OVER THE TOWN AREA, OR NEAR ENOUGH SO AS THE NOISE IS GREATLY AFFECTING OUR LIFE. FOR EXAMPLE, TURBOS FLY AS EARLY AS 5.30AM, AND CAN BE AS MUCH AS THREE ONE AFTER THE OTHER AT ANY ONE TIME WITH NON STOP NOISE! I HAVE BEEN NOTICING SOMETIMES 10MN OF NON-STOP NOISE, AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES BREAK, IT STARTS AGAIN.

FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE FRIDAY 6 OF NOVEMBER 2009, WE RECORDED: -5.55am JET DEPARTURE

-5.56am JET DEPARTURE

DEPARTURE

-5.58am TURBO

DEPARTURE

-6.00am TURBO

-6.01am JET DEPARTURE

THEN AFTER A 15mn BREAK FROM NOISE, IT STARTS AGAIN WITH 10 FLIGHTS BETWEEN 6.18 AND 6.53am!

AND FROM 8.03 TILL 8.54am, 8 MORE PLANES!

THIS IS A TYPICAL MORNING EXAMPLE FOR CHIDLLOW. TODAY, THIS VERY MORNING, I WAS AWAKENED AT 5.35am BY A NOISY TURBO, FOLLOWED BY SO MANY OF THEM THAT I THOUGHT IT BEST TO RENOUNCE SLEEPING AS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE IN SUCH CONDITIONS TO FALL ASLEEP AGAIN JUST TO BE AWAKENED AGAIN A FEW MINUTES LATER OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

THIS IS A SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUE AND A RESPONSIBILITY OF ASA.

MY NERVOUS SYSTEM IS AFFECTED AND THE THOUGHT OF SELLING A PROPERTY WE HAVE BEEN OWNER BUILDING OURSELVES IS CRUEL.

WE WOULD HAVE TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE HILLS, AS THE PLANE ROUTES CAN BE CHANGED ANY DAY WITHOUT WARNING AS PROVED BY THE LATEST EVENTS THAT HAVE DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF OVERFLIGHTS.

IT TOOK US 10 YEARS TO BUILD UP STRONG FRIENDSHIPS AS WE HAVE NO CLOSE FAMILY, AND 10 YEARS TO BUILD OUR HOUSE AND ESTABLISH A GARDEN, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO MOVE BECAUSE ASA HAS NOT BEEN FAIR AND RESPONSIBLE?

NO. UNLIKE A ROAD, IT IS EASY TO MOVE A FLIGHT PATH, AS EASY AS IT HAS BEEN TO MOVE THEM A YEAR AGO WITHOUT WARNING.

CHIDLLOW'S ENVIRONMENT IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY AIRCRAFT NOISE. IT SHOULD NOT AND MUST NOT BE UNDER THREE FLIGHT PATH CRISS-CROSSING EACH OTHER, AND A CURFEW MUST BE ESTABLISHED SO WE CAN SLEEP UNDISTURBED TILL 7AM.

IT IS AWAY ENOUGH FROM THE CITY TO DESERVE QUIETNESS FROM AEROPLANES.

f) IT IS REQUIRED SO AS TO BE FAIR TO THE COMMUNITY.

3) I WISH THAT THE FOLLOWING BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY:

IN 2003, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, I HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT AEROPLANE NOISES THRU MY HUSBAND, CONCILLOR DAW OF THE SHIRE OF MUNDARING, WHO REPORTED IT TO HON JUDY MOYLAN MP, WHO IN TURN PASSED IT ON TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT... FOR NO RESULT.

I WAS ALL ALONG SERIOUSLY AFFECTED ON A NERVOUS LEVEL, AND VERY DEPRESSED, BY ESPECIALLY THE TURBO AEROPLANES OCCURRING EARLY MORNING FROM 6 TILL 8, AND AGAIN EARLY AFTERNOON COMING BACK TO PERTH FROM THEIR NORTH EAST DESTINATION. FOR A MOTHER WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, THOSE ARE HOURS WHERE YOU NEED QUIET TO REST AND RECOVER.

WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR PROPERTY IN 2001, WE WERE OBVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF THE AMOUNT OF EARLY MORNING TURBO AEROPLANES, AND EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS ONLY ABOUT 35 A DAY, IT WAS ALREADY A HEALTH ISSUE BECAUSE OF THOSE EARLY NOISY FLIGHTS MAINLY COMING FROM JANDAKOT AIRPORT.

SO I PERSONALLY WROTE TO HON JUDY MOYLAN AT THE END OF 2008 TO COMPLAIN AGAIN ABOUT THOSE PERVERSIVELY NOISY EARLY MORNING AND AFTERNOON PLANES AS THEY STILL AFFECTED MY NERVOUS SYSTEM BADLY BECAUSE OF THE PENETRATIVE VIBRATIVE NATURE OF THEIR NOISE.

SHE INFORMED ME ON THE 9TH OF DECEMBER 2008 THAT SHE HAD FORWARDED MY LETTER TO HON. ANTHONY ALBANESE.

I WAS VERY HOPEFUL, BUT BECAME EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH HIS ANSWER, FORWARDED TO ME BY JUDY MOYLAN ON THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY 2009.

-HON ANTHONY ALBANESE CLAIMED IN HIS ANSWER THAT HE CONTINUES TO SEEK AND IMPLEMENT PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO MINIMISE THOSE IMPACTS. HOWEVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT FROM AEROPLANES INCREASED SINCE MY COMPLAINTS WITHOUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BEING CONSULTED ABOUT IT. MR ALBANESE SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOOKING MORE DEEPLY INTO WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH ASA AND FORCE THEM TO MORE ACCOUNTABILITY AND FAIRNESS.

-MR ALBANESE CLAIMED IN HIS ANSWER THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE FLIGHT PER DAY IN A RADIUS OF 2KM FROM OUR STREET, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5.30 AND 7.00AM FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2008! THIS IS INCORRECT INFORMATION AND SUCH IS HIS POOR CONCERN THAT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE ME OR AVOIDED THE FACTS.

I REPLIED THAT ON WEBTRACK, MANY PLANES THAT DO FLY OVER CHIDLLOW DISAPPEAR FROM THE SCREEN AS THEY REACH A CERTAIN HEIGHT FROM ABOVE SEA LEVEL... BUT CHIDLLOW IS ALSO HIGH ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND THEREFORE THE AEROPLANES AREN'T THIS FAR FROM CHIDLLOW GROUND LEVEL. EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T SEE THEM ON THE MAP DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY AREN'T ABOVE OUR HEADS.

FURTHERMORE, THE NOISE TRAVELS MORE THAN 2KM AWAY, PARTICULARLY WITH TURBO AEROPLANES. WE HEAR THE PLANES THAT, ON THE WEBTRACK, YOU CAN SEE FLYING OVER WOOROLOO AND THE LAKES, WHICH MEANS THAT YOU HEAR EVERY PLANE THAT FLIES WITHIN A 4 OR 5 KM RADIUS.

I FELT CHEATED BY HIS ANSWER.

HE CLAIMS THAT THE AIRCRAFT NOISE IS SHARED OVER CHIDLLOW AREA , DUE TO A COMMON NAVIGATION WAYPOINT LOCATED TO THE WEST OF CHIDLLOW. HOW CAN THIS BE? THIS IS A TOTAL DENIAL OF THE FACT THAT CHIDLLOW AREA IS OVERCROWDED BY AIR TRAFFIC.

HON ANTHONY ALBANESE ADVISED THAT I CONTACT ASA IF I FEEL THAT AEROPLANES ARE BEING OPERATED IN AN UNSAFE WAY, OR FLY BELOW THE MINIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENT. HE ALSO MENTIONED ASA NOISE ENQUIRY UNIT.

BUT WHAT DOES IT CHANGE TO CONTACT EITHER OF THEM, ASA OR MINISTER HON ANTHONY ALBANESE? THEY HAVE LET ME DOWN BY MAKING ME RUN IN A CIRCLE.

ONLY HON JUDY MOYLAN HAS SHOWN REAL CONCERN AND CARE, AS WELL AS SUPPORT.

I CONSIDER HON. ANTHONY ALBANESE'S ANSWER TO MY LETTER OF COMPLAINTS A DISGRACE AND A LIE HIDING MUCH MORE THAN JUST A FEW WORDS. IT IS A VERY UNCLEAR LETTER THAT REFLECTS A VERY UNCLEAR SITUATION ON A WIDER LEVEL.

I AM GLAD THAT THIS INQUIRY IS HAPPENING NOW AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE INQUIRY TO EXTEND AS TO WHY RESIDENTS ARE MADE TO RUN IN A CIRCLE FROM ONE AUTHORITY TO ANOTHER IN A FEELING OF HOPLESNESS, ESPECIALLY WHERE ASA AND HON. ANTHONY ALBANESE ARE INVOLVED. WHY DID THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORTS LIED TO ME AND DENIED OBVIOUS FACTS?

ON MONDAY THE 25 OF MAY OF 2009, I RECORDED 26 PLANES OVER HEAD, JUST BETWEEN 6 AND 7.30, WHICH WAS A TOTAL OF 55mn OF NOISE IN ALL FROM AEROPLANES.

TODAY HAS BEEN SHOCKING WITH TURBOS, WAKING ME UP AT 5.35AM AND STOPPING ME TO HAVE AN AFTERNOON REST!

THIS IS ENOUGH! NO MORE SMALL AEROPLANES OVER CHIDLLOW WOULD BE A FAIR DEAL.

ASA AREN'T DOING THEIR DUTY AND THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT ISN'T SCRUTINISING ASA PROPERLY. PLEASE HELP! THIS INQUIRY IS OUR ONLY HOPE!

WEBTRACK ISN'T RELIABLE AS PLANES DISAPPEAR WHEN REACHING A CERTAIN HIGHT, BUT WE STILL HEAR THEM IN REAL LIFE!

TONIGHT, FROM 11.29PM TILL 11.57PM, 5 JETS DEPARTURE FLEW OVERHEAD

. WE HAD WELL OVER 70 PLANES POLLUTING THE AMENITY OF CHIDLLOW ON THIS VERY DAY, BETWEEN 5.30AM AND 5.30 PM!

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN 90 FOR THE DAY, MAY BE MORE.

WE CAN SEE TURBOS AND JETS CROSSING EACH OTHER OVER CHIDLLOW AREA!!!

IT IS UNLIVABLE SINCE THE CHANGE OF ROUTE THAT ASA HAS SNICKED IN OUR LIVES. IT WAS UNTOLERABLE BEFORE ALREADY...

EVEN THOUGH THERE IS MOMENTS OF SILENCE, THERE IS NO TIME FOR THE BODY TO RELAX FROM THE NOISE AS IT BECOMES A THREAT, A TORTURE FOR THE SENSES.

INSULATING OUR HOUSE HASN'T HELPED. WE NEED DOUBLE GLAZING, WHO WILL PAY FOR IT?

IT IS A VERY SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUE AFFECTING THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND THE FAMILY UNIT AS WHEN ONE PARENT IS AFFECTED, IT REFLECTS ON OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THESE ISSUES SERIOUSLY,

YOURS, FAITHFULLY, EMMANUELLE DAW.