

RE: AIR TRAFFIC NOISE

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a resident in Langford, WA a suburb of Perth. When we moved here in 1995 we had some air traffic noise but not at a level that was intrusive.

In recent months, 12 months at least I think, the noise can be so loud that I cannot hear the television and some times the frequency appears to be every 10mins.

I use to make a joke that if I got on the roof with a broom I could get a job cleaning the underbellys of the jets as they passed over.

I also and my son suffer from allergies and headaches which cause fatigue and the noise is an extra stressor to living here.

I think it is unfair that the noise and the frequency have increased and I did not receive any consultation before it was done.

I believe that we are a "soft" suburb as most residents are low to middle class and less likely to create a fuss and wonder if that is why we have been inflicted with so much noise.

It is hard after having the Roe Highway extended past our suburb to also have to sustain annoying noise levels from aircraft as well.

I would like to know if this frequency is higher than other suburbs?

Also if the use of the airport by residents' suburbs has any correlation. I.E. Do those who use air travel the most get the most noise? Or is the noise evenly distributed across the city.

Do you consider other noise pollutants that residents already have to tolerate in the equation e.g. as we have the Roe Highway and train line (including night freight trains!) do we also need the Airport noise as well?!

Have you realised that most people still have evaporative air conditioning that requires a door or window to remain open?

I would be in favour of less traffic for us and to be compensated for the noise via means other areas have had e.g. reverse cycle airconditioning, insulation and noise reduction building techniques.

Yours truly,

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