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I am a resident of 74 Press rd Brooklyn Park having the airport as my neighbour I was and am still appalled at the decision making of the eligibility of the noise insulation package.

In theory, the line drawn straight down the map as the supposed flight path is a joke, as we all know that planes do not follow the line due to many factors, i.e wind, weather etc. if you live where I do, you know the planes deviate all the time. I accept the fact that living near an airport, you will hear noise, although I do not accept the noise where I live is not the same as where the insulation was offered. Infact I believe the noise to be worse where I am, as I hear the noise of planes landing, taking off, winding up in the morning, the ground noise of the planes that cant take off due to bad weather, putting up with the constant smell of fumes and being constantly woken up in the morning due to doors and windows rattling. As Adelaide Airport has now expanded and has moved even closer to our homes and the air traffic has increased. I still am frustrated knowing that the houses closest to the airport are the ones that were not protected by the government to be insulated. I believe in other Australian airports homes are insulated right up to the airport boundary. Although the planes are one problem, we have a worse problem with a transport company which is right across the road from us on airport land which operate 24 hours which means they work all through the night, the noise that comes from there keeps myself and husband, children awake most nights, the noise varies from all sorts of metal banging to metal cages been dropped to the ground and metal scrapping even noises from forklifts. Semi trailers coming in and out all night, you can hear the semi braking the noise is unbelievable. We have complained to many different organizations, but the noise remains the same. This situation is really affecting our lives as sleep deprivation really causes some problems such as stress, I have developed high blood pressure, the family have all become cranky because we never know each night how much sleep we may have that night. We have thought of selling but as we have two teenage children with educations we are paying for we cannot afford to sell. Also I believe our home is our private sanction and we should be able to sleep and not be woken up by a transport company which if was anywhere else and not on airport land would not be able to operate and disturb its residents. I hope this letter is taken into most consideration as I don't know where else to turn. I do think that Adelaide airport should be looking after its neighbours and not making their lives living next to the airport impossible.

Yours Faithfully

Antonella Salapatas

P.S

A letter from my doctor stating the affects of the noise on my health.

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Mrs Antonella Salapatas
Of: 74 Press Rd Brooklyn Park 5032

I am writing in regards to Mrs Salapatas who is a patient of this practice.

I am concerned that in the past few months Mrs Salapatas has had an increase in stress-related illness, including anxiety, high blood pressure, raised cholesterol and physical symptoms of headache and muscle strain.

This has been occurring as a result of noise pollution and consequent sleep disturbance, caused by a transport company based at the Adelaide Airport. During the night there is loud and persistent noise of machinery and trucks loading and unloading metal containers, resulting in great disturbance of Mrs Salapatas and her family.

I feel that it is important that the issue of the noise pollution is addressed so that the detrimental effect on Mrs Salapatas' health is reduced.

Thank you in anticipation for addressing this matter.

Yours sincerely


Dr Daniele Collins