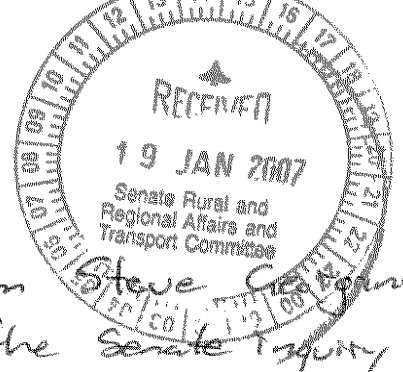


Dear Committee Secretary



I received a letter from Steve Grayson MP in relation to submissions to the Senate Inquiry regarding the Adelaide Airport.

I have written letters and personally spoken to Steve about my concerns regarding Aircraft noise around the western suburbs, in the last 20 or so years. I have also written letters to the Transport Minister, Local or state MPs including the Premier Mike Rann, the Adelaide Airport Manager and the local Messenger. I have also written and spoken to Management at Australian Air Service on many occasions.

The problems that myself, family and many other residents around Henley Beach and other suburbs around Adelaide we are experiencing, are noise coming from light aircraft, single & twin propelled, helicopters. I have been living in Henley Beach area for many years and never had any issues with aircraft noise.

I started to notice an increase in light aircraft and helicopters flying overhead 3 years ago and it got to the point where the situation became unbearable at times and forced me to bring this to the attention of the authorities.

These light aircraft & helicopters seem to have total freedom to fly across residential suburbs at any time of day & night. The sound they force through the air travels a long way and it is very penetrating, vibrating, and loud at times, especially when they are flying low altitudes and using full throttle.

My Family and myself have been woken up many times between the hours of 11 p.m to 6 am and the other night around 2 am we were woken up by the sound of a Helicopter which was flying low as the sound was aggressive & loud. Why is there controls for large jets and none for light Aircraft.

This 'free' movement of light Aircraft has been imposed on us without public consultation and is an invasion.

I notice a lot of these light Aircraft are just flying over the city, Joy riding, learning to fly etc. If there are restrictions for Jet Skis, cars, trucks and anything else that disturbs the peace & safety of citizens, then the same laws should be applied for these aircraft.

I have been told by Airservices Australia that Herley Belt is close to a flight path, but if it was just the flight path, it would be half as bad. Herley Belt seems to be a crossroad and I am sure the situation to control this noise pollution can be possible without justifying this harassment. Helicopter movement can be reduced as I'm sure they are not all flying to attend Emergencies or assist police. Having a Helicopter hovering over your house when you are asleep is not justified in my opinion. Police can deal with a situation with Patrol cars.

All that I am asking and I'm sure many other residents of Adelaide is to look into these noise issues and produce a more balanced plan of action.

Airservices Australia has been very disappointing for me as they have not really addressed these issues. What is the point of having a Service to call for Aircraft complaints when the Services just registers the calls and does nothing else.

Yours Sincerely



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