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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
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To Whom It May Concern:

AIRPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2006

With reference to the aforementioned Bill, I am writing to seek the Committee's support to ensure that the Bill not only addresses economic development and airport management concerns, but incorporates measures to ensure that the future of airports within Australia acknowledges and addresses its impact upon local communities.

As a long term home owner who lives within close proximity to Adelaide Airport (within 2 kilometres), I write to express concerns in regard to the effect of increased level of air traffic activity has and will have upon the local community.

Over the last century, technology and communications have developed immensely and the resulting benefits to society are profound. However, with these benefits, there are significant costs and in the case of air travel, the cost to the quality of life for local communities is often overlooked. The most significant cost being noise levels.

Currently, double glazing is not provided to residents within the suburb of Cowandilla. Whilst acknowledging that the flight path over Cowandilla does not incorporate the entire suburb, the flight path for planes arriving into Adelaide Airport, if flying over the Adelaide CBD en route, is directly over my home and that of several adjacent properties.

Adelaide Airport has developed significantly within the last 10 years, and with the new terminal and expansion plans of Jet Star to operate an additional 200 flights from Adelaide per week, the number of flights has increased and will increase dramatically. However, Airport Management and Government have failed repeatedly to acknowledge the concerns of long term home owners and provide any measures, such as double glazing, to alleviate the increase in noise levels.

Additionally, air traffic over my home not only creates noise disturbance but also results in vibrations to the house structure and decreased or elimination of television and radio signals.

As a pensioner, I have lived within Cowandilla for most of my life and although supportive of change and economic development, seek your support as a Committee to ensure that this progress is sensitive to society concerns and is accompanied with measures to ensure that the local community is not disadvantaged.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. Hedi Palmer

Cc: Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Hindmarsh