

Committee Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional affairs and Transport Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the above Bill, I wish to draw your attention to the many aircraft noise problems faced by Adelaide residents living close to Adelaide Airport.

We live about 10 minutes drive from the Airport in a well established old Adelaide suburb. Several times a day we encounter aircraft noise problems which interrupt conversations and drown out the words of our television and our radio. Visitors from other suburbs seemed stunned by the level of noise we have to put up with (indeed they often seem quite alarmed until they realise what is causing it.) Can't more be done to vary the route of incoming planes, as in Sydney?

After years of living here, we have learned to screen out some of the noise and can often sleep through it in the morning, however particular cloud conditions result in interrupted sleep at least twice a week. We'd therefore be very concerned if any relaxation of curfews or substantial increase in early morning flights were to be permitted. We'd also be interested to know if there is regular noise monitoring in our area? We have certainly never noticed any taking place.

I believe that public buildings in our vicinity (e.g. a school on the other side of Henley Beach Rd which our street runs parallel to and a church in our street) have received subsidised sound proofing but ordinary residents seem to be expected to put up with it.

We also occasionally see signs of what we suspect are problems due to aircraft fuel emissions (particular branches on trees dying, strange black spotting on car roofs etc) and would be interested to know if there is regular monitoring of health conditions in our neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, living in one of the most marginal seats in the country (Hindmarsh) doesn't seem to have helped us!!!

Yours sincerely,

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