

31 January 2007

Attention: Committee Secretary
Re: Airport Amendment Bill submission

We refer to earlier communication with your office and apologise for the delay with this submission.

We write as owners/residents of a house property in Norma Street, Mile End situated directly under the flight path for the Adelaide Airport.

We would like to submit the following information in the hope it is relevant to any consideration given under the Airports Amendment Bill 2006.

- We purchased our home 4 years ago.
- We previously resided in the suburb of Mile End but could hear air traffic noise to a much lesser extent than currently.
- We believe we are very tolerant of constant noise as we experience our fair share of it from Henley Beach Road traffic and the adjacent Foodland shopping loading dock, with their air conditioners on 24/7 and regular delivery and rubbish trucks
- In addition at our residence in Norma Street we experience daily disruption to our day to day living as a result of the noise from air traffic.
- The following occurrences are regular examples of instances that we believe could be alleviated if we had adequate sound proofing which we understand has been afforded to some homes in our area.
 - Our children are aged 14 months and 3 ½ years. Their sleep is regularly disrupted. More specifically, there is great difficulty in getting our baby off to sleep early evening and in the afternoons when you cannot predict flights.
 - Conversations inside the house, both in person and over the telephone are affected to the point of having to cease and resume after the plane has flown over.
 - Television (and more often the radio, listening to the weather or something of interest) is frequently drowned out with the noise of a plane, which at peak times are passing overhead at intervals of about 4-7 minutes.
 - In summer we would ordinarily keep our external doors open however we have to close the doors to the house while our children are asleep as the noise, particularly though the lounge and front area of the house wakes them up.
 - Our enjoyment of our garden, one of the main reasons we purchased this house, has been considerably diminished by the frequency and proximity of aircraft landing.
 - As we both work and are studying as well, the late night low flying aircraft make it difficult to concentrate (as I drafted this email, two large jet engined aircraft have just flown over in the space of 5 minutes).
 - We are also mindful that prospective purchasers are aware of environmental issues/air pollution which I have not focussed on in this submission.

Our home currently does not have insulation and we have the original glazing in timber framed windows, and a new colour bond roof. If we were to purchase insulation it would purely be to assist with noise pollution from the air traffic and we are not well placed to spend \$800-\$1000 to address this issue when it should be subsidised by the government.

Our neighbouring property contains an extremely large Norfolk Pine Tree which the planes appear to use as a landing marker for the bulk of day time flights arriving at Adelaide Airport so you can appreciate that our property is immediately under the flight path.

If any more information is required to assist with support for sound proofing in our street/our residence requested on the basis of noise pollution from airport traffic – please contact us at

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Sincerely
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