

# List of Recommendations

## Recommendation 1

6.12 The committee recommends that Airservices Australia should be a permanent member of all federal airport Community Aviation Consultation Groups.

## Recommendation 2

6.14 The committee recommends that a Community Aviation Advocate position should be funded and established where significant or extensive changes to the management of aircraft noise or airspace are proposed to assist and represent local communities.

## Recommendation 3

6.19 The committee recommends that the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman undertakes a review of the Airservices Australia's Communication and Consultation Protocol to determine the extent to which the protocol:

- was developed in consultation with Australian communities and will be subject to regular ongoing review;
- clearly articulates the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders and the minimum standards of consultation which communities can anticipate, and
- commits Airservices Australia to providing readily available, easily understood and pertinent information (such as environmental noise assessments) to community consultation forums.

6.20 The committee recommends that the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman report the findings of this review, together with appropriate recommendations, to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and to the Australian Parliament and this committee.

## Recommendation 4

6.24 The committee recommends that an independent review be undertaken of Airservices Australia's procedures for the lodgement of complaints about aircraft noise and the extent to which complaints data is analysed and disseminated to relevant stakeholders with a view to more effectively managing aircraft noise issues.

## Recommendation 5

6.28 The committee recommends that the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman must be established independently of Airservices Australia and report publicly and directly to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and to the Australian Parliament.

## **Recommendation 6**

6.29 The committee recommends that the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman should provide an annual report of its operations and this should include a description of the actions Airservices Australia has undertaken to implement recommendations and, where appropriate, a description of those instances where appropriate action has not been taken.

## **Recommendation 7**

6.34 The committee recommends that the government revise the current process through which ANEFs are developed to establish an independent body charged with the coordination of the process and the review of the accuracy and reasonableness of the data upon which the forecasts are made.

## **Recommendation 8**

6.35 The committee recommends Airservices Australia review noise levels over affected areas with a view to offering a noise amelioration scheme compensating residents affected by aircraft noise consistent with that of other Australian capital city airports.

## **Recommendation 9**

6.38 The committee recommends that despite the completion of the Western Australian Route Review Project, sufficient grounds exist for the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts to review the changes to flight paths under paragraph 160(2)(b) of the EPBC Act 1999 in response to stakeholder concerns.

## **Recommendation 10**

6.39 The committee recommends that Airservices Australia be required to have regard to paragraph 160(2)(b) of the EPBC Act 1999 and seek advice from the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts in advance of major changes to air routes around airports under its jurisdiction.