

Subject: Submission on the discussion paper 'Safeguards for airports & the communities around them'

Dear Mr Dowie,

I wish to provide comment on the discussion paper 'Safeguards for airports and the communities around them', as it relates to aircraft noise.

It come recently to my attention that the proposed 24-hour airport is one step closer to become a reality. This is terrifying news for many residents. Me and my family live approximately 1.2km from the "High noise corridor" in the "Noise abatement area". Currently our sleep is already limited to only 7 hours or less as the aircraft noise is too high. The aircraft noise wakes us up regularly around 6:10am every day. To successfully fall asleep before 11:00pm is very rare as the aircrafts keep us wake. Just the thought that the aircrafts could soon be flying during the night is terrifying.

Therefore my recommendation is that the safeguards should recognise the following:

- The community has an expectation that sleeping hours will not be disturbed by aircraft noise
- Night-time exposure to aircraft noise is detrimental to public health
- A night-time noise standard should be established, respecting evidence of the noise level at which sleep disturbance occurs (for example the World Health Organisation)
- Peaceful and quiet residential amenity at night-time should be safeguarded from major expansions by airports.

Thank you and regards,

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