

Submission to the development of a National Aviation Policy Statement

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1. As a former Sydney resident I am well aware of the effect of aircraft noise even with a curfew. The NSW government was eventually forced to pay subsidies for homes near the airport to be soundproofed. This came at considerable expense to the taxpayers and is at best a bandaid solution.
2. Disturbed sleep is known to cause health problems which in turn increases medical costs and lowers productivity. These are important considerations when compared to private gain.
3. Since the introduction of larger aircraft there is a noticeable increase in noise, from about 6.30am to 10.00pm. Without a curfew there would be no respite from this disturbance.
4. We urgently need an independent assessment of the effect of aircraft noise on our community. Full consultation is essential.
5. Successive NSW governments have failed to solve the problem of Sydney's second airport. We cannot allow Canberra to fill that role, and the first step in preventing that is to insist on a curfew.

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