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Government
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Development of a National Aviation Policy Statement

Reference is made to your invitation to make a submission in response to your issues paper "Towards a National Aviation Policy Statement".

I am an Environmental Health Consultant and I have over many years been aware of the dangers aircraft noise is causing human health, and I am trying to do something about it. I wish to take this opportunity to make a brief submission touching only on Section 4.2 "Aircraft noise" of the Issues Paper in particular statutory curfews.

I bought my house at the above address in 1988 with next to no aircraft traffic since then due to the flight path realignment and increased demand for air travel my house has been placed under the point of the Runway 19 north and west bound jet departure flight path where aircraft increasingly apply full thrust to get up to cruising altitude. This means aircraft noise levels have increased from virtually nil to 1000 over flights per month, a one thousand fold increase. This has drastically affected my health especially when these flights occur after midnight causing sleep disturbance, which has a well known impact on human health.

I am concerned that Section 4.1 is not aggressive enough in attacking the aircraft noise problem which will continue to get worse. I am of the opinion that there should be no conditions for Brisbane airport to remain curfew free as economic and other considerations should never be more important than human health. Every individual should at least have the basic right to have 100% certainty of getting undisturbed sleep free of aircraft noise between 11pm and 6am. Due to wind conditions at Brisbane Airport there is no way that the community can be 100% protected from aircraft noise if aircraft are granted night time access to Brisbane Airport. The only way for 100% community protection from aircraft noise is a total ban on aircraft movement during the hours of curfew.

For the sake of the health of many Brisbane people could the Minister please place a statutory curfew at Brisbane Airport which preclude all aircraft operations between 11pm and 6am.

Yours sincerely

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