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**Sent:** Thursday, 26 June 2008 11:28 AM  
**To:** Aviation Statement  
**Subject:** Response to Kelvin Thomsom MP submission

Dear Sirs,

I'd like it to be known that I disagree with the comments in relation to Essendon airport and his advice to close. I am a long time resident and have no issue with the airport, it's noise of supposed fumes. I have more issues with the fumes coming from the Tullamarine & Calder freeways. As for safety, it can be argued that these roads are more dangerous and cost more lives than the airport has.

Essendon has been at it's location since the 1920s and can't believe anyone who chooses to live near an airport is dumb enough to complain about it. The airport serves not only a great service to northern Melbourne with jobs, but preforms a lifesaving function for the whole of Victoria. The Victorian Ambulance service uses Essendon and the driving time to the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the airport would be less than 10 minutes. Times would be longer with Morabbin to the Alfred or Tullamarine to the Royal. This also translates into the requested curfew of 11pm to 6pm. This could cost lives and for what? So some numb brain can watch TV in peace? My back fence is the airport and I have no issue with noise. It's better than my neighbours bass that keeps going for all hours and the hoons doing burnouts down the street.

Regards

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