

Aviation Whitepaper – Terms of Reference

Please note I do not wish any of my personal details to be published or made publicly available via the Government's website.

My feedback on the proposed White Paper's terms of reference relates specifically to the scope relating to sustainability and the engagement, consultation and protection of local communities.

'airport development planning processes and consultation mechanisms that consider the impact and changing nature of aircraft noise and related expectations on the role of noise sharing and noise mitigation;'

1. Specifically, I request that 'Protection of air-impacted communities' is included as a separate Terms of Reference item. This would refer to any community that is impacted as a result of airport or flightpath design and operations.
2. That any committees and groups established to plan future airport or flight path expansion and changes are required by legislation to include community representatives. That these community representatives are chosen by the communities, NOT by Air Services Australia or by Political representatives or the airline industry.
3. I request that Night-time flight curfews are implemented at Brisbane airport
4. I request that a daily cap on flight volumes is implemented at Brisbane airport
5. I request that flight volume and profile (frequency, noise, height, time of day etc) data must be made available in advance to communities when changes to air space use are being considered. This includes future forecasts and models that show how communities will be impacted in future years based on changes being considered by Airport authorities, Governments or Air Services Australia.
6. Direct and proactive community consultation MUST be mandatory for any future changes to airport or flight path operations (routes, volumes, flight profiles etc). This means that Airport authorities and Air Services Australia have a legal obligation to directly communicate with and engage with residents who are directly impacted. I have found myself subjected to a 300%+ increase in daily average flight volumes and NEVER received any direct mail / letter drop informing me of the impact that would be wrought on my quality of life. This should be illegal. Placing information behind member only sections of poorly promoted Government or NFP websites is a disingenuous and transparent attempt to minimise community awareness and scrutiny, and should no longer be permissible.