

Aviation White Paper Submission

My comments relate to the final point of the terms of reference

“Better mechanisms for consultation on and management of issues such as aircraft noise, airport development planning and changing security arrangements

Ensure new development is situated appropriately with regard to not only the convenience of users but also the effect of aircraft noise and pollution on residents who are likely to be affected.

For example Brisbane airport development should be frozen and alternate arrangements considered such as to move the major airport for South east QLD to Amberley, displacing the RAAF to Oakey where polluted land cannot be used for other purposes. Develop fast rail to more remote locations

Airports causing significant noise pollution to urban communities should be subject to a curfew and flight numbers caps. A curfew to include all traffic apart from emergency flights

Airlines should be encouraged to improve their fleets in particular for fuel issues as well as noise pollution. Four engine jets should be banned from overflying major urban areas when arriving and departing. Noise surcharges should apply to other aircraft to encourage modernisation of fleets with quieter aircraft.

Ensure that Air Services Australia becomes a realistic regulator with funding responsibility returned to the Commonwealth Government. Ensure it is staffed with skilled professionals and led by an appropriate Officer who is subject to regular performance review.

A single advisory group should be established for each airport with the membership including nominees from concerned local community action groups rather than industry nominated “community representation”

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