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**To:** Aviation White Paper  
**Cc:** senator mackenzie  
**Subject:** Submission to Aviation White Paper

Dear Sir

I would like to make a passionate plea to the responsible representatives about the terms of reference for the upcoming White Paper.

I am Australian, 69 years of age and believe this to be the best country in the world.

The goal of the White Paper should be to demonstrate to the world we use "Best Practice" principles in setting regulation and demonstrate how this is achieved with facts. Airports are significant elements of infrastructure and very expensive so when it goes wrong it is a terrible waste of time, effort and money.

I will focus my comments on item 4 of the specific areas identified by the Government. That is consultation on and management of issues such as aircraft noise, airport planning.

How not to do it is exactly what has happened in Brisbane with the noise impacting residents (like me) unnecessarily. I list some of the systematic/bureaucracy shortcomings that I am aware of, with a lot more that will never see the light of day:

The original EIS nominated SODPROPS as the primary mode of operation for the second runway. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED EVEN WHEN THE TRAX REPORT NOMINATED THIS MODE WOULD IMPROVE THE NOISE OUTCOME FOR RESIDENTS. SODPROPS IS NOT THE PRIMARY MODE BEING USED.

The community engagement in relation to the flight paths was a disgrace. The 'EKKA' information booth (that I attended) confirmed that we would be impacted, but "don't worry, flights will be taking off and landing over the Bay". IT IS NOT HAPPENING LIKE IT SHOULD.

The Trax report made 49 recommendations that ASA said would be adopted. They have not made any progress on this action and the 30% increase nominated by ASA are the increase in flights generally not just over the Bay!!!!!!

The noise monitors are not recording accurate information because the readings are averaged over time, disguising the true impact of the noise. The complaints are from 169 suburbs and now number around 14000: But it is still not sufficient to warrant "real" action from ASA.

The incompetency of ASA is highlighted in Senate Estimates (Bridget McKenzie is a champion) and the hearings are an absolute disgrace in the year of 2022/3. If that was private enterprise, a lot of management people would be shown the door. Unfortunately, we live in a time where there is no accountability for incompetence.

The Ombudsman is powerless and another level of bureaucracy we do not need. If they can get rid of the Australian Building and Construction Commission they should get rid of the Ombudsman.

None of the above issues should have happened if the correct processes were adopted from the beginning. If the White Paper is to be a worthwhile document for future planning and management, it needs to address the current system failures at Brisbane and ensure they do not happen in the future.

If there is a common thread to my belief in what the White Paper's focus should be is "Demonstrated Best Practice with input by all stakeholders". There can be no arguments against this approach and, if achieved, will be a worthy document that will only need updating due to technological changes.

Kind Regards

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