

Dear person with too much power and too little responsibility to the community that pays you,

We need strong and independent noise and emissions legislation that protects residents.

As your employer, I demand it, and now!

Aviation regulators in Australia have already stolen over two years of decent sleep from me, and caused untold damage to my health, by allowing the aviation industry to make up their own rules -- and make unbelievable profits in the process.

They have also irreversibly damaged the health and well-being of my entire family, my neighbours and my community, stuck beneath a new jet superhighway created by the opening of the second runway at Brisbane Airport.

(Fun fact: As I write, my 11-year-old has just come downstairs and told me they know a 737 is flying over our house by the sound of the engines. And they're right! This smacks of Soviet-style social conditioning, perhaps as a method of stifling dissent?)

This superhighway operates without regulation, and I am sure on some level without legality.

I cannot start my lawnmower outside of normal hours, nor can I allow my dog to bark so much that it disturbs the peace, nor can I have loud parties late into the night.

Yet the airport and airlines can collude to send a stinking screaming metal beast over my head any time of the day or night - and that's exactly what they do - all hours of the day or night.

And our so-called representatives in government -- the people whose salaries we pay -- collude with them, running a protection racket for the aviation industry, and profiting from it, while we on the ground suffer.

Don't think we haven't drawn all of the connections we need to draw to expose the racket this is, between regulators and industry, all for self-enrichment and jobs for the boys.

Again, we need strong and independent noise and emissions legislation that protects residents from this mafia in the sky. As your direct employer, I demand it.

Not next month, or next year, or in the next decade. Tomorrow!

If you are unable to complete the required task, please outline the reasons why in plain English and ASAP, and I'll consider whether you should remain in your current role.

Kind regards,

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