

We need strong and independent noise and emissions legislation that protects all groups and communities affected by aircraft noise. The Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance submission to the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman is a case study in all the areas that need to be addressed to protect communities whilst still allowing a strong aviation industry with growth into the future.

Aircraft noise should be treated as it is - a form of pollution with significant consequences. Imagine if the pollution was escapable, odorous particulate matter rather than noise? We would be spending thousands on air filtration systems and the like to protect ourselves.

Flawed and inadequate community engagement and misleading modeling have created an outcome that is a disaster for Brisbane. 23,328 complaints in Brisbane to September 2023 since the new parallel runway was opened in July 2020 is testament to this. There is a need for an independent regulator responsible for protecting the interests of the community, and certainly one that is not be paid by the industry it is regulating.

Regards
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