

**AIRCRAFT NOISE—Your pet hate?**

Does noise from big jumbos out of Perth or pesky little biplanes from Jandakot cause you distress? Are you woken at night and can't get back to sleep? Do vibrations rattle your house - and your cage?

If yes...don't put up with it...get it off your chest—lodge a complaint by:

- i) ringing the National Noise Enquiry Line—1 800 802 504,
- ii) going on line via Air Services Australia web site [www.airservicesaustralia.com](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com)
- iii) writing to Noise Enquiry Service, PO Box 211, MASCOT, NSW 1460
- iv) ringing the City of Canning Aircraft Noise Line 1 300 677 425 for specific events only, not general complaints.

**Air Services Australia** assesses, monitors, certifies, regulates and publishes information on aircraft noise. They have two automatic noise and flight path monitoring recorders in the City of Canning for tracking flights in and out of Perth Airport.

Noise events recorded are those above 70dB (decibels), 80dB and 90dB. In the second quarter of 2010 there were twice as many events 70-80 dB recorded in Queens Park (QP) as that in Cannington and five 80-90dB events per day in QP compared to one per day at Cannington. However, there were no events exceeding 90 dB at QP while there were few (1 in every 5-10 days) of these very loud events at Cannington. Why I don't know.

Blame the weather because it can make a loud aircraft into a thumper. Cloud, temperature inversions and wind direction-or lack of wind-can prolong, amplify or re-direct the noise.

The root of your insomnia will be the nightly average of 90 landings and take-offs. There is no curfew at Perth Airport which makes for a most vexatious issue. However be philosophical-planes must fly! And if they change the flight path then someone else is woken up. I suggest dream of travels to exotic places - like the magic faraway tree!

**FERN ROAD TRAFFIC**

The constant stream of peak hour traffic is a source of irritation and inconvenience to residents who are unfortunate enough to live on the section of Fern Road between the roundabout at Bungaree Rd. and the Riverton Bridge when accessing the road from their driveways or side streets. In addition there is also the problem of 'hoon' drivers seeing the traffic calming devices as a challenge leading to dangerous manoeuvres, frequently mounting the kerbs and being a nuisance and a hazard to other traffic, pedestrians and cyclists. **WRRRA** frequently receives complaints from local residents who are of the opinion that it is time something was done to reduce the volume of peak hour traffic and speeding problems.

Our representatives have met with the City's engineers many times over the years in an effort to reduce the volume of traffic and have suggested that the peak hour motorists that use the route as a short cut to access the Leach Highway from High Road. This is the route that many take to avoid the morning and evening congestion on Leach Highway which banks up due to the constriction, down to two lanes when crossing Shelley Bridge.

The City is reluctant to redirect traffic away from Fern Road and have informed us that no reduction in Fern Road peak hour problems will be brought about until Shelley Bridge is widened at some time in the future as they see this as the only lasting solution. Main Roads however do not see the need to widen Shelley Bridge as a priority.

**WRRRA** has presented a petition to the City over the widening of Shelley Bridge and will continue to lobby over this important issue as we have in the past.