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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

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Good morning

I would like to make a submission to the above inquiry.

My partner and I own a café in Kununurra and have a 6 year old daughter.

The cheapest return flight you can purchase to Perth is \$500, and that is if you can plan far enough in advance. A lot of the time the flights are \$400- \$500 for the one way.

I have a lot of family and friends in Perth but with three airfares to pay, we just can't afford it very often.

I know my friends and family would visit this great region more often if they could afford the flights, as they all have families too.

Through my discussions with a large number of local and tourist customers, the most common topic that is discussed is about the price of airfares. Not only to Perth, but to Darwin too. The cheap return flight from Kununurra to Darwin is \$300 return for a 40 minute flight.

These discussions have given me an informed view that our economy in the East Kimberley will be boosted with the availability of substantially cheaper flights.

More residents will be retained, more tourists will flow through and more investment will be created in our town which in turn will create a flow on effect.

I look forward to the results and outcomes of this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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