

Submission into regional airfares inquiry

Dear Committee

I write to you today as a submission with public issues raised with me into the regional airfares inquiry.

- Karratha/Port Hedland to Perth fluctuation in cost dramatic during peak season.
- Karratha/Port Hedland to Perth major price difference between virgin and Qantas on occasions \$300 one way on Virgin compared to \$1000 at similar time on Qantas.
- Flights being cancelled for no reason, being pushed on to next flight which even with the passengers from cancelled flight is half full feeling as though they cancelled flight due to lack of people on both flights. Public issue is you pay for the flight to be in Perth at a certain time but are left arriving later for same cost.
- Perception industry FIFO workforce has priority over local people.
- FIFO workforces affect the price for local flights.

- With the down turn we are currently experiencing in the Maritime and Mining sector will we see prices rise due to reduction in FIFO flights?

These are concerns raised with me over the last 12 months in the Pilbara region, I do not have evidence but these have been raised with me on a regular basis by members of the community. I would suggest the terms of reference capture these concerns/questions people want answers to and the committee would be in a position to further investigate.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle McGinn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kyle McGinn

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