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Thank you for taking the time and meeting with us yesterday.

Personally;

I don't fly the Kal – Perth trip/return. I refuse to pay top dollar for a 45min flight which are not first class seats.

I have resided in Kalgoorlie for 9 years and I've always thought the cost of flights were/are ridiculous. As a family we can't afford to pay \$250-\$500 one way per person. It is cheaper for us to drive to Perth, park our car up at Perth airport secured parking. Fly out international/back and drive back to Kal. What makes it worst, we see the cheap flights they offer between Sydney-Gold Coast etc.

In NZ we get specials all the time, last min specials can cost you as little as \$40-\$50. Wellington to Auckland (which is the same distance as Kal – Perth), flights range from \$79 - \$269. These are not special priced seats.

Business;

Majority of our workers are residential, we only have 3 people that FIFO. On a good week, it can cost us \$750 return. On a bad week, we can pay anything from \$1000 plus.

On Monday I was asked to fly one of our managers to Perth and back for a Tuesday meeting. When I asked what time his meeting was, he replied 2pm. I then had to tell him he'll be staying overnight as he won't make it back in time for the 5pm flight to Kalgoorlie.

- Flight Costs: \$700
- Accommodation: \$250 including meals

Please note: this plane was half empty

In the mean time I'll keep driving in and out Kal, lucky the road is straight unlike our roads in NZ

Kind regards,
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