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Subject: FW: Kununurra - Public meeting 20th August feedback

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To: Manager

Subject: RE: Regional Airfares Forum

Hello Vivienne,

Unfortunately I am flying out of Kununurra on an expensive flight on Sunday 20th August.

In this I have a great example of the irregularity of the current Air Fare situation in the Kimberley.

I was scheduled to be in Perth for an ANW Board Meeting to be held in Perth on Thursday 24th August. The flights for this were to be \$1429.00 return

Kununurra to Perth

***One Way Prices From: \$502 on Sunday to a minimum of \$1208 on Wednesday
(I can save \$700 but lose 3 days)***

Friday 25th: PER-BME-KNX with QF \$927 – Virgin must be full!! But I could book a Virgin seat through Singapore Airlines???

I was also scheduled to be at a meeting in Kuala Lumpa around the same time with return flights out of Perth available for around \$307.00

So I considered linking the 2 trips. I then searched on an international flights website, the option of flying Kununurra to Kuala Lumpa via Perth with 2 days in each city.

These return flights Kununurra to Kuala Lumpa with 2 nights in Perth and 2 nights in Kuala Lumpa and return to Kununurra came in at just \$1087 in total. This with all 6 flights under a Singapore Airlines flight code?

Kununurra to Perth Sunday 20th – Perth to Singapore – 1am Monday 21st – Singapore to KL 9am Monday 21st the 2 nights in KL

KL to Singapore Wednesday 3pm – Singapore to Perth Wednesday 6pm – 2 nights in Perth the Perth to Kununurra on Friday 25th!

Just 2 flight in Regional WA \$1429 at best but I lose a day or 2 or pay \$2135 to go on the desired days – but add 4 international flights to those exact same flights and pay just \$1087?? And this was over 21 days out from the first flight?

By Booking the International Fare I saved ANW over \$700 in flights!

So it may be worth mentioning at the forum that you can book flights within regional Western Australia cheaper through an overseas carrier and code shares than you can book from within the region with local carriers who are actually providing the service anyway!!

The system is definitely broken!

Glen Chidlow and Ian Gay from ANW have also presented a very strong submission regarding the cost of regional flights. Hopefully this gets some traction..

Thanks for getting on board with this – it has a huge impact on the East Kimberley Community and not just Tourism Operators!

Regards,

Charlie Sharpe