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Good morning,

I am unable to attend the public hearing tomorrow but would like to submit my comments to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee:

- Exorbitant airfares to and from Kalgoorlie airport make it cost prohibitive for people to travel regularly to visit family in other states and even in perth- this makes it difficult for Kalgoorlie to attract and retain workforce
- Airfares are way out of reach of people earning a regular income, unless they are booked at least 3 months in advance. (Often this is not possible unless for a preplanned holiday, emergency trips with short notice costing \$700+)
- Our only other options for travel is driving ourselves or taking the train, all of which knock out a whole day. (very detrimental to those running their own businesses).
- Airfares to and from Kalgoorlie are extremely overpriced and detrimental to tourism, workforce attraction and retention, and quality of life for Kalgoorlie residents

Thank you

Kind regards
Paula Fletcher