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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the high cost of regional airfares. I have lived in Kununurra for nearly six years and cannot believe the cost of flying to regional centres compared to cities.

I am one of the lucky ones, who receives an allowance from my employer but still this doesn't go far. In our six years we have lost count of the friends who have moved on, back to the city because they can't afford to live here.

My family and I would fly more regularly if the flights were cheaper, not to mention the tourists who currently take their families on holiday to Bali because the flights are half the price (and the distance is double, how does that work?).

Being born and bred in WA, I feel that the cost of flying is holding our state back and cheaper airfares would kick start the whole economy, both for tourism and industry. It's a no brainer!

Regards