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To the committee,

The high cost of airfares to and from the North West is an important issue which needs to be addressed.

We have lived in Kununurra for the past 10 years. Flight costs have been a major issue for us for the past 2 years as my husband is completing a diploma that requires him to travel to Perth every 2 months. This is a huge financial strain. Flight costs to Kununurra also greatly reduce the ability of our families to come and visit us here - at times it has been as cheap for our families to buy a return ticket from the UK to Australia as it has been for them to get a return flight between Perth and Kununurra - this is insane!

A price reduction would make such a difference to our community. It greatly increase the number of people who relocate and remain living here as many people leave town due to the exorbitant price of flights home to visit their families/friends. My husband and I both work in social fields and see a huge turnover of staff due to this reason. this has a major impact on quality of the services in our community - constant orientation and training of new staff. Individuals who have to travel to Perth for medical treatment as is often required due to the limited services we have here would benefit hugely from reduced ticket prices. cheaper flights would reduce the number of people who have to relocate due to illness or need for specialist services.

Please consider our situation.

Yours sincerely

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