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Subject: FW: Regional Airfares

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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

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Good morning,

My name is Rosalia Scacchia.

Just over a year ago my partner and I moved to the Pilbara for his work. (he's a police officer) As I am self employed and have been for 14 years I was reluctant to give up my small business.

With my wonderful clientele onboard I decided that I would fly back every third week. (I'm a hairdresser) When I first started looking into airfares I thought ok it's doable they were around the \$530 mark.

I chose to do this yes as it's my business and I've been working for 38 years.

In the past year they have gone up over \$100.

Also our national carrier is a disgrace. I can probably count on one hand how many flights have had pleasant attendants.

You see you pay premium prices to be treated like second class citizens.

We tend to land where we have to walk off the plane down steps. FYI I don't have a problem with walking. Once again premium prices.

I've had family and friends want to visit but it's cheaper for them to go to Bali or fly to Cairns or Melbourne. I hear this over and over again it's too expensive to come visit!! This is a young town with lots of young families I'm sure that they have family that would love to visit.

Why is it cheaper to fly regional over east and not here? This is the most beautiful state!!! We have so much on offer yet it's cheaper to fly elsewhere!!

I've had luggage not arrive. Last Sunday 23/7 I got soaked running across the tarmac to get on the plane!! Once again premium prices!!

Planes on the way down have fewer that 15 people onboard.

Why are we punished in this state? It's an absolute disgrace.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Kind regards,
Rosalia Scacchia

Sent from my iPad