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**Subject:** FW: Submission: Inquiry into regional airfares in Western Australia

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**To:** Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

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RE: Submission for investigative inquiry

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into regional airfares in Western Australia

Name: Laine Ellis

As a 28+ year local of Kununurra WA 6743 I am sick and tired of being taken advantage of by Air Line companies that are making it unaffordable to visit family in hospital.

In my home town of Kununurra it has just cost me \$1,179.15 to fly to Perth return over the weekend to visit my brother who is in Perth hospital. I would love to be able to visit him frequently while his is hospital however I am not alone in how unaffordabe this is.

When I look to do the same flight 23/6 - 25/6 it is a further \$1,536 if i chose to go via Qantas or \$1,198 if i chose to go via Virgin. Both airlines do not offer assistance for compassionate reasons (I have asked).

One thing I found very upsetting is flights from Darwin to Perth on the exact same travel day are less than half price with return flights with Qantas being \$766 return... this is on the same plane that starts in Darwin, collects passengers in Kununurra on the way through and proceeds to Perth.

How is It possible to be on the exact same plant mid way through its trip and be charged so much more?

I am unsure why a flight that is 3.5 hours in duration is so expensive.

There needs to be a standardised costing and introduction of further competition.

Regards,

Laine Ellis