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Dear Dr Worth,

**RE: INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL AIRFARES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

I write to you putting forward the Western Australian Jockeys Association's (WAJA) submission re the *Inquiry Into Regional Airfares in Western Australia* to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee.

At every meeting of the WAJA over the last few years, the members have raised that the escalating cost of travelling to race meetings in regional WA is of grave concern. A lot of times Jockeys are riding for nothing. The perfect examples are shown below at the upcoming race meetings at Kalgoorlie and Broome.

The riders that travel from Perth (note the majority of Jockeys are based in the Perth area or thereabouts) are always paying exorbitant airfares and some are actually riding at a loss or riding for a minimal income after costs. Note each riding fee is \$181.30 per ride for the new racing season. If a Jockey had 4 or 5 rides at a race meeting i.e. Broome, he or she would lose money on the day, especially if they did not ride a winner; No worker should go to work and run their business at a loss.

Also during school holidays, regional airfares increase, not just 2 or 3 fold but even higher.

At all times the Jockeys have to book early morning flights and evening flights to get to race meetings and return after the last race. Most times these flights are more expensive.

A large number of riders, especially leading riders, will not always go to these race meetings; some not at all.

The lack of known or quality riders attending these race meetings i.e. Kalgoorlie, Broome, etc. affect turnover, especially at TAB meetings. Punters will bet more on race meetings where they know the jockeys.

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By helping the Jockeys with the cost of travel i.e. cheaper airfares to these meetings has the effect of helping the Race Clubs and RWWA with better turnover on and off course.

The following are examples of the exorbitant cost to flying to Broome and Kalgoorlie at upcoming race meetings:

### Flights from Perth (PER) to Broome (BME)

[www.google.com.au/flights](http://www.google.com.au/flights)

Perth (PER)	Broome (BME)
Sat., 19 August	
Sat., 19 August	

#### Non-stop

Virgin Australia 2h 35m from **\$765**

Qantas 2h 25m from **\$829**

### Return


### Flights from Broome (BME) to Perth (PER)

[www.google.com.au/flights](http://www.google.com.au/flights)

Broome (BME)	Perth (PER)
Sat., 19 August	
Sat., 19 August	

#### Connecting

No non-stops

 Qantas 2h 35m+ from \$1,269

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### Flights from Perth (PER) to Broome (BME)

[www.google.com.au/flights](http://www.google.com.au/flights)

Perth (PER)	Broome (BME)
Tue., 15 August	
Tue., 15 August	

#### Non-stop

✈ Virgin Australia 2h 35m from **\$655**

✈ Qantas 2h 25m from **\$895**

#### **Return**

### Flights from Broome (BME) to Perth (PER)

[www.google.com.au/flights](http://www.google.com.au/flights)

Broome (BME)	Perth (PER)
Tue., 15 August	
Tue., 15 August	

#### Non-stop

✈ Qantas 2h 45m from **\$895**

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It is hoped that this Inquiry can make recommendations to reduce or at least limit increases to airfares. This will assist in reducing the cost to Jockeys and other Racing Participants, as well as other businesses, tourism and general public.

We look forward to a positive outcome.

Yours Sincerely

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