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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

Subject: Inquiry into regional airfares in Western Australia

To the members conducting Inquiry,

I am a current resident of Kununurra and have lived here for the past eight years.

I am a single foster parent of two children under Five, a registered Nurse/Midwife and a regular National and International traveller.

It concerns me when the Government talk about equitable and sustainable services to the area yet our airfares to Perth, our regional capital, are double, sometimes even triple what one would pay to travel overseas or even from Perth to the Eastern States.

The flights are the same length of time/distance as from Perth to Brisbane/Sydney/Melbourne yet we don't get a meal and there is no choice (not a suitable choice to be exact) for children and no inflight entertainment.

It costs the Health department of WA a fortune to provide equitable health options as we have to fly patients to the closest Health care provider often at full fare and for pregnant women being transferred to Perth for their care and delivery, husbands/partners and the family are not covered to accompany them so often have to find a full fare to be present at the birth, an event that should include the whole family.

It is unfair discrimination and we have no choice as the two airlines have monopoly over the system.

I appreciate this inquiry and hope to see a positive change to this discrimination.

Miss Hanneke Schoe