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Hi

This is the first time that I have ever responded to an parliamentary inquiry but being a family of 4 living in Broome with family that live in Geraldton, Perth, Brunswick & Darwin the matter of regional airfares has affected us and still affects us on a regular basis.

We could only afford for my husband to attend his mother's funeral (held in Perth) and I was close to her
None of our family could attend a very close family friend's funeral (held in Perth)

We couldn't afford to attend my nephews engagement

We recently spent over \$2000 for 2AD + 1CH to go to Perth for a dear friends 70th birthday as she isn't expected to live beyond this year. This has then meant that when our son's family were moving from Geraldton to Mandurah we couldn't afford to assist them in going down

There have been numerous events held in Perth that we would love to have gone to

Many events don't come to Broome due to the costs of travel

Our son lives in Darwin but his children live in Broome with his ex and the cost for either them to go to Darwin or our son to come to Broome are on many occasions not able to be met, when you have to then pay for accommodation & vehicle hire.

I personally would love to be able to travel to Perth for a weekend on a monthly if not bi-monthly basis and would do this if the cost of flights were more reasonable. It is such a shame that we can fly to the Asian countries have all our accommodation, meals & tours for near the same price as return flights to Perth at short notice.

Please remember to take into consideration that most RWA residence that travel would need to pay for accommodation & vehicle hire when they get to Perth.

Regards
Lenore Batt