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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am currently a resident who lives in Kununurra and am writing to you with regards to current airfare prices.

I know I am in an unusual circumstance where I live in Kununurra but work out of Perth. In my work I am away from home for 3-4 weeks and then back home for approximately 2. Having to pay for this myself it is a huge expense. In the last tax year I spent just under \$10000 on flights.

In the work I do, I do not have a set roster and often book my flights the day of travel. During my last travel home I was lucky to find a last minute flight that has been put on to broome and caught the greyhound home to Kununurra. This cost me around \$500. The alternative was a \$1200 flight to Darwin and a \$350 flight to Kununurra which is completely unaffordable.

Due to these high unaffordable airfare prices my wife and I are now looking to move away from Kununurra and down to the Perth.

The high airfare also makes a lot of holidays unrealistic with no locations being a cheap getaway which must have a reverse affect of making tourism to the area a lot less accessible.

In conclusion the astronomically prices airfares are causing us to leave the beautiful Kimberley's and move somewhere cheaper to access. If these prices were to come down we would rethink this and possibly stay longer in the place we love.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind Regards,

Graeme Hutton