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### Submission to Inquiry into Regional Airfares in Western Australia

By Hon Robin Scott MLC, Member for Mining and Pastoral

#### Comparison of lowest available airfares.

The one-way (unless otherwise indicated) fares listed below do not include taxes or surcharges and were sourced from the website of Flight Centre on Wed 26 July 2017. All relate to seats which would have been available on Wed 2 Aug 2017.

Kalgoorlie	Melbourne	\$548	Perth	Singapore	\$99
Kalgoorlie	Adelaide	\$541	Perth	Singapore ret	\$258
Kalgoorlie	Perth	\$292	Perth	London	\$770
Kalgoorlie	Sydney	\$572	Perth	Mauritius	\$851
Kalgoorlie	Newman	\$567	Perth	Shanghai	\$440
Kalgoorlie	Karratha	\$475	Perth	Hong Kong	\$219
Kalgoorlie	Broome	\$654	Perth	Taipei	\$209
Kalgoorlie	Darwin	\$859	Perth	Seoul	\$588
Perth	Adelaide	\$177	Perth	Tokyo	\$583
Perth	Melbourne	\$169	Adelaide	Singapore	\$627
Perth	Sydney	\$159	Adelaide	London	\$929
Perth	Hobart	\$358	Adelaide	Mauritius	\$1,164
Perth	Brisbane	\$302	Adelaide	Shanghai	\$450
Perth	Darwin	\$707	Adelaide	Hong Kong	\$491
Perth	Johannesburg	\$865	Adelaide	Taipei	\$616
Perth	Joburg direct	\$1,246	Adelaide	Seoul	\$730
Perth	Bali	\$205	Adelaide	Tokyo	\$626

The above table is instructive. It costs more to fly from Kalgoorlie to Karratha than from Perth to Shanghai. Perth to Singapore and return is less expensive than Perth to Kalgoorlie one way. Western Australians are

paying far too much for airline tickets within Western Australia, and the situation is exacerbated by the Perth-centric nature of airline routes.

There are no easy answers. No encouragement should be given to subsidies at taxpayer expense. Ultimately competition is the answer and the most accessible source of increased competition is international operators.

Kalgoorlie Airport already has status as an alternate international airport and can accept a 767 or an A330 if Perth is closed. Kalgoorlie Airport is routinely used by 737s and A320s. I propose that the State Government work with the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council to secure full International Airport Status for Kalgoorlie Airport. We can then look forward to flights Singapore-Broome-Kalgoorlie-Adelaide or Hong Kong – Port Hedland – Kalgoorlie – Melbourne or Johannesburg – Perth – Kalgoorlie – Brisbane.

The benefits will not be limited to reduced regional airfares. We may expect a significant boost for tourism. Investment in the State's core income earning activities will be facilitated.

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