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**Subject:** FW: Karratha Flight Prices Enquiry

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Residents of Karratha, their families living elsewhere within Australia, and abroad are paying debilitating flight prices for the less than two hour leg of PER - KTA on run down planes often requiring engineering attention.

Mining and industry employees have flights booked for them for sometimes less than a quarter of the price that the public would have to pay for the exact same seat, on the exact same flight.

I'd like to note that 2015/16 was a record year for Qantas out of its 95-year history, (possibly surpassed by the most recent financial year) bringing in a grotesque \$1.53 billion in profits.

The only other resident flight carrier, Virgin Group bringing in an excess of \$2.7 billion in revenue.

City of Karratha plays part in the price of flights. They are responsible for some say, exorbitant landing taxes; of which I was unable to confirm, perhaps that could be made clear. I feel it appropriate to highlight that COKs 2015/16 total comprehensive *income* all expenses considered was in excess of \$33 million dollars.

With the wonderful work that the council are doing in the space of making Karratha not only a liveable place- but a desirable destination to live, I'd hope a focus would be to do all possible in the first instance of actually getting people to arrive to town by the only efficient way geography considered. The only way to really move toward becoming a large regional centre in the North West.

Planning Institute of Australia President Kirsty Kelly has stated one of the many critical boosting methods of creating a 'viable place for people to live' is building the town around multiple industries namely, tourism opportunities. I can guarantee opportunities for tourism here in Karratha will remain largely non-existent whilst you can still travel abroad for far cheaper than a return flight to Karratha, and relative distance flights on the East of our land can be flown for less than \$50.

I truly hope we can have a fair and just result come from this enquiry, Karratha is a beautiful place to live, and visit, we simply want more be to be able to do so.

Thanks & Kind Regards,  
Sarah Roots