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Subject: FW: Rural Flight Inquiry Perth-Kununurra

From: Bridget Parish
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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to read our email. I would like to give you some feedback from our family in regards to the exorbitant cost of flights from Kununurra to our capital city.

I have lived in Kununurra for 23 years, initially as a seasonal employee, working for El Questro Wilderness Park and now a full time resident (of 17 years). We have owned a couple of properties/homes in Kununurra and call this home. We have young children, (five and six year old) who were both born here and we plan on living here for many years to come.

We travel to Perth twice a year as my daughter had a disability and is a PMH child. Fortunately flights for Milly and myself are covered under PATS (Patient Air Travel Services). The cost of flights from Kununurra to Perth become an issue for us as there are times where it would be great to have the support of my husband for some of her medical treatments. For example, Milly had an operation on the 26th June this year. We were required to stay in Perth for two follow up appointments, so total time away was 17 days. This is the longest time that our family has been separated. We could not afford the cost for my husband and son to join us as it was over the school holidays. This is just one example of many.

We know you are looking into this and thank you for taking the time to read our personal experience.

Looking forward to the town meeting on the 20th August.

Kind regards

Bridget Parish and Family

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