

Petition in support of subsidising airfares for Regional Western Australia

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, agree that air services within regional WA are crucially important for regional communities, businesses and tourism to ensure the people are connected and have access to vital services, facilities, family and friends.

Residents and visitors to regional and remote areas use air services the same way people in Metropolitan areas use the public transport system. A major concern is not only the excessively high cost of air travel but also the significantly increased fares incurred when people have to travel at short notice (eg approx. \$2,000 return per person from Newman to Perth).

We therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to provide affordable airfares in Regional WA by subsidising airfares like Metropolitan transport is in WA, to both provide social equality and to ensure that regional communities are sustainable, connected and continue to attract residents to live in and visit regional areas – ensuring regional areas continue to significantly contribute to the State economy.

And your petitioners as duty bound, will ever pray.

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