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Levy precedent creates potential for noise insulation scheme

Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons has renewed his call for a noise insulation scheme at Perth Airport to be implemented following the release of the airport's Draft Master Plan.

"The Plan outlines the proposal for a new \$600 million parallel runway by 2020 which has the ability to trigger the introduction of a passenger levy to cover the airports construction costs," Mr Irons said.

"If Perth Airport were to introduce this levy it would provide an ideal opportunity to develop a noise insulation scheme similar to those operated in Adelaide and Sydney.

"Insulation schemes have previously been rolled out in Australia following major changes to airports and flight paths.

"In each case a levy was established and applied to landing aircraft, with revenue collected by the airlines and transferred to ASA to administer the scheme. In Sydney this involved expenditure of \$59,719 per house.

"Western Australian residents have contributed to this scheme by paying the required landing levy in the cost of their ticket, yet the call for our own scheme has fallen on deaf ears."

Mr Irons said he had been fighting for the establishment of noise amelioration measures at Perth Airport since flight paths were changed in 2008 without consultation.

"It is clear that there is a precedent in Australia for such measures to be introduced and affected Perth residents should expect nothing less," Mr Irons said.

"I have previously campaigned for a review of the outdated ANEF system which is a forecast of noise, not a measurement, and the implementation of N65 noise contours to increase the scope of residents eligible for noise remuneration.

"I will continue to work on behalf of my constituents to implement this review and ensure consideration of this opportunity is not missed."

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