

## Steve Irons MP

### Federal Member for Swan

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#### Noise abatement plans don't go far enough: Irons

Federal Member for Swan Steve Irons today welcomed Airservices Australia's recently announced Perth Airport noise abatement plans as a step in the right direction but cautioned residents expectations, suspecting that the plans won't go far enough to appropriately ameliorate noise levels, particularly in Swan.

"I have been fighting for a noise insulation scheme to be introduced by Airservices Australia since flight paths were changed in 2008 with little or no community consultation," Mr Irons said.

"The three key changes announced by Airservices Australia include changes to the Airport's current preferred runway system, the introduction of Smart Tracking guidance systems and a 12-month trial to potentially reduce noise levels at night.

"I commend Airservices Australia for recognising their past mistake of not consulting with the community and for working to implement noise amelioration measures that will benefit the Perth metropolitan community holistically."

Mr Irons said although he welcomed each of the abatement measures introduced, he doesn't believe Swan residents will witness the respite in noise levels they are expecting.

"The majority of residents who contact my office raising concerns about aircraft noise are for those flights departing between 5.30am and 7.30am, not at night which appears to be the focus of Airservices Australia," Mr Irons said.

"I believe the only way residents will gain a true respite from aircraft noise is if a noise insulation scheme similar to those operated in Adelaide and Sydney is introduced.

"As part of my ongoing representation of affected residents I have made a submission to Perth Airport highlighting how the Airport's proposal to build a



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new \$600 million third runway by 2020 could provide an ideal opportunity for this scheme to be introduced.

"In each of these states a levy was established and applied to landing aircraft, with revenue collected by the airlines and transferred to Airservices Australia to introduce the scheme. This included such noise abatement measures such as roof insulation, double glazing on windows and sound attenuated ducting of airconditioning.

"I will continue to work with Perth Airport, Airservices Australia and my Federal Government colleagues to see this scheme implemented and encourage all Swan residents to contact my office to advise the level of noise reduction they witness from Airservices Australia's current noise abatement plans."