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## Response to the Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance

Unsustainable aircraft noise has a devastating effect on people's mental and physical health. Every resident should have the right to live a good life, free of unlivable levels of noise and air pollution.

Brisbane Airport Corporation has treated Brisbane residents with contempt and Airservices Australia has allowed them to do it. Rather than take into account the health and wellbeing of all Brisbane residents, BAC has ruthlessly pursued profit at the expense of everything else.

The Greens support all seven measures outlined by the BFPCA. In fact the Greens have already attempted to legislate these demands in federal parliament. Recently I moved a private members bill in federal parliament to legislate curfew, cap on flights and Long Term Operating Plan for Brisbane Airport. Neither Labor nor the Liberals supported the Bill. I have also moved a bill to reform Airservices Australia forcing it to take into account aircraft noise and the broader community.

Brisbane Airport Corporation has said previously it expected annual passenger traffic through its domestic and international terminals would more than double from 22 million in 2014 to 50 million by 2035. It also forecast the number of annual individual flights would grow from 227,000 in 2019 to 360,000 by 2035 and 500,000 by 2045. That is completely unsustainable, in terms of local air and noise pollution and carbon emissions contributing to the climate crisis.

Prior to the pandemic in 2018 the four major privately owned airport corporations, including Brisbane, made a combined profit of \$757.6 million – up 9%. As we come out of restrictions we can expect similar profits to return. We shouldn't let the profits of private corporations get in the way of a better future for all of us.

Let us be clear. This is ultimately about Brisbane Airport Corporation relentlessly pursuing profit at the expense of the community. Of course like so many big corporations and billionaires, the rules are written in their favour. It is no surprise that Brisbane Airport Corporation has previously donated to the Labor Party. While as recently as 2018/19 Australian Airports Association, the chief lobby group for airport corporations, paid \$27,500 each to Labor and the Liberals for secret cash for access meetings. No wonder the major parties are so reluctant to hold private airport corporations to account.



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This, ultimately, is a story of everyday people standing up to the power of a big corporation. The Greens will always stand with people in that fight.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adam Bandt'.

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Federal Member for Melbourne and Leader of the Australian Greens