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FOR LORD MAYOR

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Professor Marcus Foth
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Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance (BFPCA)

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Dear Professor Foth and Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance members

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about the impacts of aircraft noise on affected residents in Brisbane.

As Labor's Lord Mayoral candidate, it's my top priority to ensure all residents across all suburbs of Brisbane are listened to.

Along with other members of my team, including Councillor for Morningside Ward, Cr Lucy Collier, I share your concerns about the impacts of flight noise on those affected.

Lucy has responded in more detail to your questions (attached) and I support her in being a strong advocate for her community which is one of the areas of Brisbane that is strongly impacted by aircraft noise.

If I have the honour and trust placed in me by the people of Brisbane who elect me as Lord Mayor in March, I would like to offer to meet with members of the BFPCA within the first 30 days of being elected to hear in more detail about your concerns.

I would like to see how we can work together to mitigate the impacts of aircraft noise for Brisbane residents from a Council perspective.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Price
Labor Lord Mayoral Candidate



Lucy
Collier
COUNCILLOR FOR MORNINGSIDE

Dear Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance,

Flight noise is a genuine issue for the people that it affects in my community of Morningside Ward and across the local Government area of Brisbane.

As someone who lives under the new parallel runway flight path, I too am personally affected and have a genuine understanding of the issue and how it impacts residents.

I have personally made representations to the Commonwealth Government on behalf of the concerned and affected residents of my community. I have also personally made representations to the Brisbane Airport Corporation on behalf of my community, and on a regular basis I have met with community representatives from the Aircraft Advisory Board who are local to my area. Their insights have been invaluable to me as a local Councillor.

My job as a local representative is to advocate for my community. As you have rightly pointed out the issue of aircraft noise and flight paths are the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Government. Despite this, I believe that Brisbane City Council should use the advocacy avenues available to them to ensure that they are reflective of the views of the community and take the genuine complaints of residents seriously. I would also suggest that Councils have a role to play when it comes to Development Application approvals. Councils should investigate whether things like new developments in directly affected areas need to come with additional measures such as noise mitigation requirement conditions and ensuring property owners and residents are properly informed of the potential for noise impacts where they reside. Members of the public also have a right to make complaints about noise and should be allowed to do so using any avenues available to them without restrictions or fear of reapproachment.


It is my strong belief that every local representative should treat this issue with the importance that it deserves and make representations where change can truly be implemented, for example I would want to see Federal Members of Parliament attending Senate Inquiries on this issue.


I absolutely agree that independent studies should be commissioned by the relevant level of Government i.e. Federal because they have the available legislative levers to implement change on a much broader, uniform scale. It would be a challenge if local Councils did not agree on a uniform approach being informed by the same independent information and/or statistics, so a collective Commonwealth-led approach seems sensible in this instance.

Drone services are a complex issue and until there are iron-clad assurances about public safety and privacy, presently I do not support drone delivery services or air taxi services.

I have concerns that this is a real issue affecting communities and has been turned into a political plaything for some. Rather than chasing headlines, I want solutions. It is very easy to complain and make people feel angry about an issue, but I want to see real action and change. Whatever has happened to date is not entirely working and so genuine solutions are needed to mitigate flight noise for those affected.

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COUNCILLOR FOR MORNINGSIDE

In my office we receive hundreds of requests a day for issues like broken and damaged footpaths, blocked drains and dangerous intersections. A very small number of people (i.e. less than 5) have directly contacted my office about aircraft noise. But to the people who

have contacted me about it, that issue is really important to them, and I of course understand why that is the case being personally affected as well. It's why I have personally responded via email or phone call to every single person who have brought up the issue of aircraft noise with me.


I appreciate the opportunity to advocate for real solutions on behalf of my community and for the residents of Brisbane.


Best wishes,
Lucy Collier

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Collier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition
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