



## Premier of Queensland

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Dear Professor Foth

Thank you for your letter of 7 August 2024 regarding aircraft noise in Greater Brisbane.

The continued advocacy of the Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance (BFPCA) to support Brisbane residents is acknowledged.

Although this is a Federal issue, the Queensland Government has been listening and our local Members of Parliament have been fighting at all levels of Government to make sure our community's views are represented.

I understand there are many people in our community who are affected by aircraft noise, and that the community is frustrated with the approach Air Services Australia (ASA) has taken to noise consultations and complaints.

I also know that significant things have been achieved, like:

- developing alternative flight paths
- boosting the number of flights taking off and landing over water and over industrial sites
- stopping turboprops and propeller planes from taking off on the new runway before 6 am
- setting up a Community Advisory Board

The release yesterday of a White Paper by Federal Transport Minister, Catherine King effectively gives the community an independent entity to keep the ASA accountable.

Thank you for your suggestions for Queensland Government support for a curfew and flight cap. In relation to investments made by the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC), pursuant to section 34 of the *Queensland Investment Corporation Act 1991*, QIC operates independently under its legislation.

Under section 34 of the *Queensland Investment Corporation Act 1991*, Ministers of the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) are prohibited from notifying or giving directions to QIC's board under the *Government Owned Corporation Act 1993* about the QIC's:

- decision making generally about investments
- dealing in, or exercising voting rights attached to, securities of a corporation
- otherwise dealing with assets or liabilities
- control, or conduct of affairs, of an entity (including a business undertaking or trust) in which the QIC has an investment.

Consequently, the Queensland Government cannot direct or influence decisions QIC makes regarding curfews or flight caps.

Thank you for your suggestions on the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund. The Brisbane Airport Corporation advises that between three and four flights per night are supported by the Attracting Aviation Fund and that 60 per cent of flights operated at night are over Moreton Bay. The majority of evening flights are not related in any way to the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund and include freight and FIFO operations. The criteria of the existing fund allocations are established and are not subject to change. To respond to your concerns future commitments of the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund will be focused on tourism areas in regional locations. The fund has supported 23,000 jobs in Queensland through tourism expenditure.

Thank you for your suggestions to commission studies into health harms and impacts on school children of aircraft noise. Our government would require more advice from Brisbane Flight Path Community Alliance on the suggested terms of reference and scope before providing consideration to undertaking and funding these studies.

Thank you for your suggestion to ban all lead-based aircraft operations. Our government is committed to supporting the uptake of sustainable aviation fuel in Queensland to not only displace the use of lead in aviation fuel but to also significantly lower overall emissions. We are actively supporting a project in Townsville by Jet Zero to build a commercial scale sustainable aviation fuel refinery and we are working with Ampol, GrainCorp and IFM to support early work on producing sustainable aviation fuel at the Lytton refinery.

While the Queensland Government does not regulate air safety, we support your position that any drone delivery services and future proposals for air taxis services should operate with a social licence and the support of the community.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me on these important matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Miles', written in a cursive style.

**STEVEN MILES MP**  
**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**