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Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

Following the second runway opening at Brisbane Airport in July 2020 a number of my constituents have voiced their strong concerns about increased aircraft noise.

Now that you have taken on the role of Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, I'm writing to you to get lasting solutions for my community.

I have called on the Morrison Government in Parliament to address this issue and written a number of letters to the previous Minister asking what action the government has taken to mitigate aircraft noise, and how you will ensure that my constituents are relieved from this significant increase in noise.

Along with my Labor colleagues, Graham Perrett MP and Anika Wells MP, we have called for the Morrison Government to establish a strong, independent, permanent Airport Community Forum for Brisbane resident.

Too often communities feel frustrated by buck-passing, or by technical jargon and data that just leads to less clarity and more confusion. Residents who have been affected by noise, whether from the original runway or the new one, want clarity, action, and a fair go.

Aircraft noise has long been an issue for people living under the flight paths across Brisbane. Now that the new runway is operating, there's an additional cohort of affected residents.

The Morrison government should introduce a permanent, independent community forum that would:

- deal with aircraft noise abatement and related environmental issues and have access to necessary data and technical expertise;

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- have broad representation of all areas affected by airport operations;
- be designed to avoid any perception of or susceptibility to industry capture, including by regulators, aviation companies, or the airport operator.

I ask that you advise me of the steps you intend to take, as the Minister, to address the issue of aircraft noise in my electorate.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or, in my absence, Carly Daniel of my office on 07 3397 1674 or by email at Terri.Butler.MP@aph.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,



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