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## ADJOURNMENT

### Pine Rivers Electorate, Airport Noise

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.03 pm): The opening of the Brisbane Airport's second runway has undoubtedly impacted residents in the western part of the electorate of Pine Rivers. Even with the reduced number of aircraft in our skies, hundreds of residents have signed on to my community petition calling on the Deputy Prime Minister to take action. Residents from the Samford Valley, Armstrong Creek, Highvale, Samsonvale, Cedar Creek, Mount Samson, Yugar, Wights Mountain, Dayboro, Camp Mountain, Closeburn, Kobbie Creek, Mount Pleasant, Laceys Creek, Draper and Delaneys Creek have all rallied together as their lifestyles have been irrevocably altered. Residents who choose to call these suburbs home value the peaceful rural and semirural lifestyle and amenity, the opportunity to work off the land, the ability to run a small business from home, settling in for their long-awaited retirement or a tree change to raise their young family.

Many of these residents rely solely on the water they capture in their tanks—water that does not undergo rigorous treatment prior to consumption. Residents hold deep concerns now in relation to water contamination due to overhead aircraft. Locals like Leah say, 'Our old Queenslander rattles as though it will shake apart. Please at least raise the altitude.' Jenny reports a black residue on her house since the opening of the runway and only getting a few hours break in the evening from the planes. Peter states, 'The noise is remarkable, echoing around the valley as planes fly at very low altitudes and now at very frequent intervals.' Phillip highlights the apparent amplification of noise in the valley due to the topography, with a suggestion that flights could be moved further west to reduce the impact. Barry moved to Cedar Creek because he was attracted by the tranquillity and healthier lifestyle that assisted his war caused injuries—something he says has now been taken away. Some locals attribute the intrusiveness of the aircraft to the quiet nature of the community which, as opposed to densely populated urban suburbs, is without ambient noise. Many report sleepless nights and plenty of worry as well as reduced outdoor living since the commencement of the second flight path.

My community is calling on Deputy Prime Minister McCormack to state in non-technical terms what options are available to reduce noise in our local suburbs following the commencement of the operation of the second runway. They are further calling on the Deputy Prime Minister to implement any measures that are reasonably available to reduce noise, subject always to safety requirements. I encourage locals to sign on to the petition which is hosted on my webpage and to connect with the Brisbane Airport Corporation at their information station at the new Samford Community Hub from eight to 12 this Saturday.

Finally, thank you to the locals who reached out to me asking me to assist in this matter and to the Samford and Districts Progress and Protection Association for their strong community advocacy. My petition will run through to 14 December, so please join us in sending a strong message to Canberra for change.