

Submission re Rural, Regional & Remote Communities Air Travel

Good evening,

The cost of airfares from Mt Isa is a worry to all and needs to be investigated. The cost of flights to Brisbane is so expensive that normal families cannot afford them.

My husband and I are travelling to Europe in 2018 at an around the world fare for both of us for A\$3600 (Qantas). This flight is out of Brisbane. For us to fly to Brisbane to connect with that flight, we have to leave 2 days earlier due to Qantas cancelling flights at the last minute (which happens regularly) meaning we have to spend money on 2 x nights' accommodation in Brisbane as well at the cost of \$478 plus our flights of \$1981 return. That is a total of \$2459. That is nearly the total cost of our flights to Europe just to get to Brisbane and back.

It is an absolute joke that this sort of money needs to be outlaid just to get to Brisbane to enjoy a holiday. No wonder people do not want to come and live in places like Mt Isa due to these ridiculous prices.

Qantas is continually cancelling flights, re-scheduling flights and at the expense of their loyal passengers.

Perhaps adding an extra \$10 on flights like Bne-Syd-Mel, the normal regular routes would ease the pain on persons who fly and who make a point of working in hard lying areas helping Australia's economy.

Regular people who work hard in the outback need a break, give it to us please.

Thanks