

Carrington Jones 17/10/06  
Both Articles

## What Leigh said was...

I WAS dismayed to read "Airport move anger" (Community, October 3).

I was interviewed for this article, and spoke at length about the consultation process and how the ARID Group was managing an independent process to ensure the needs of all stakeholders were being canvassed.

In this interview I stated: "It would be good for the aviation industry to fully explore the options of relocating."

My quote was shortened to: "... relocating would be good for the aviation industry".

It is inappropriate for me, as the independent facilitator of the consultation process, to have an opinion on the outcome of the consultation or to express a view on what would be in the best interests of the industry.

I am committed to facilitating open and transparent consultation with stakeholders to ensure the full exploration of all effects and opportunities in the proposed relocation of the Jandakot Airport.

This consultation will ul-

timately determine if relocating is good for the aviation industry.

*Leigh Hardingham,  
ARID Group,  
Jandakot Airport Relocation  
Community Consultation.*

## Airport move endangers water

RE: Article "Airport move anger" (Community, October 10).

Ascot Capital's "consultation co-ordinator", Ms Leigh Hardingham, is quoted as saying: "... the airport's relocation would be good for the aviation industry".

I believe the tenants at the airport would strongly disagree, due to further travelling time and cost for everyone to get to Keysbrook.

Customers for flying schools would have further to travel, as would RFDS patients between hospitals and airport.

Has everyone forgotten the airport covers a large part of the Jandakot Water Mound?

If the airport were to be replaced with suburbia, the groundwater would be rapidly degraded by domestic use of garden fertilisers, etc.

Jandakot Airport has taken more than 40 years and many millions of dollars to reach its present state.

It works efficiently and safely within our national aviation system.

I believe the airport was leased by the Federal Government, to private operators, on the proviso it remain an airport.

*Allan Churn,  
Ferndale.*