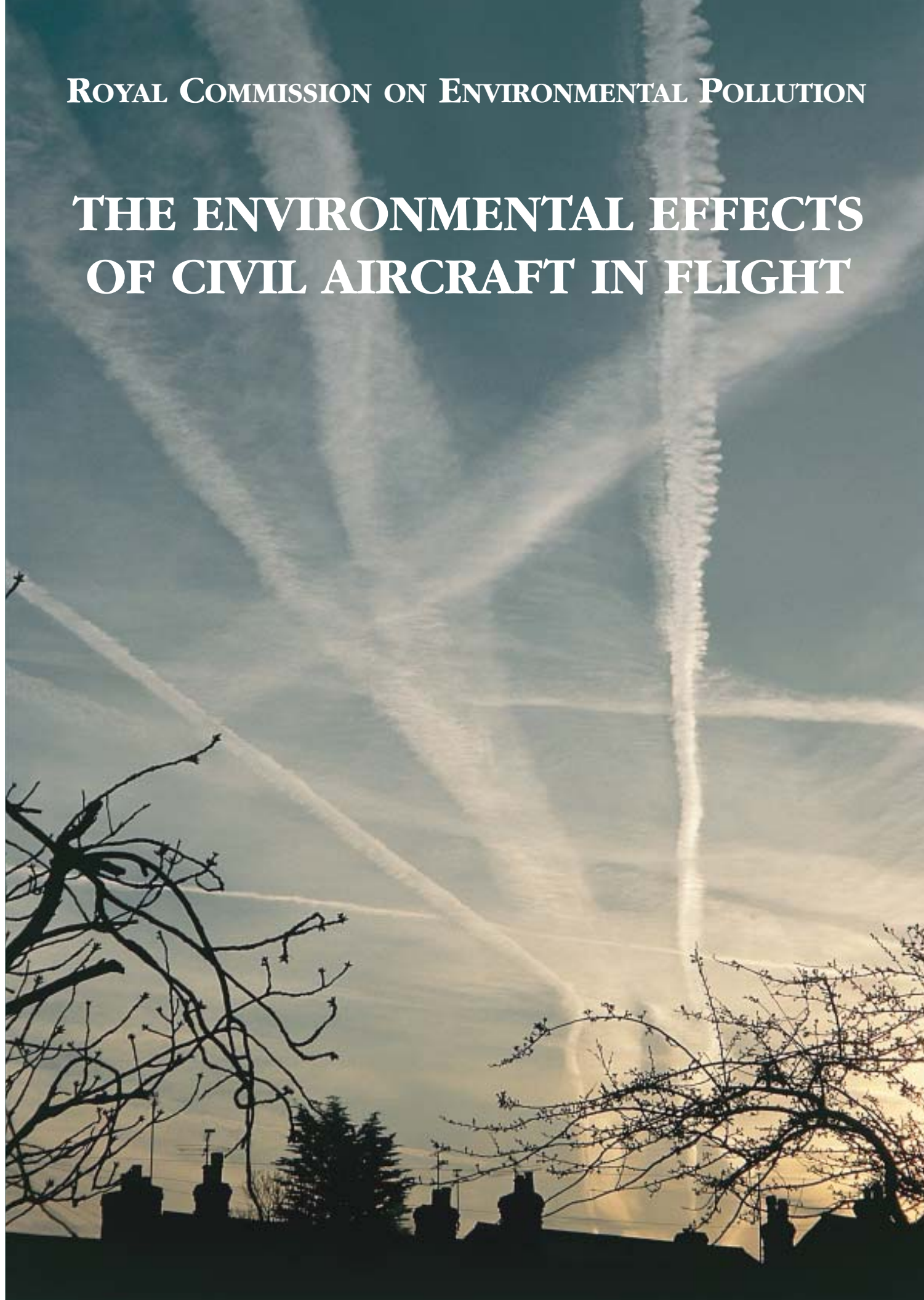


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About the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution is an independent standing body established in 1970 to provide authoritative advice on environmental issues. Its terms of reference are:

To advise on matters, both national and international, concerning the pollution of the environment; on the adequacy of research in this field; and the future possibilities of danger to the environment.

Within this remit the Commission is free to consider and advise on any matter it chooses; the UK government or the devolved administrations may also ask it to consider particular topics.

The primary function of the Commission is to contribute to policy development in the longer term by providing a factual basis for policy-making and debate, and setting new agendas and priorities. It considers the economic, ethical and social aspects of issues alongside the scientific and technological aspects. It sees its role as reviewing and anticipating trends and developments, identifying fields where insufficient attention is being given to environmental problems, and recommending actions that should be taken. The Commission has published 23 reports, and many of their recommendations have been accepted and implemented by successive governments.

The Members of the Commission have a wide range of expertise and experience in natural and social sciences, medicine, engineering, law, economics and business. They serve part-time and as individuals, not as representatives of organisations or professions.

A full-time Secretariat supports The Chairman and Members by arranging and recording meetings and visits; gathering and analysing information; handling finances and administration; and drafting and publishing the Commission's reports.

In the course of its studies, the Commission canvasses a wide range of views. Information on its work (including minutes of meetings, background papers by consultants and summaries of evidence submitted) is available via **www.rcep.org.uk**.