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Subject: Seaplanes
feedback on seaplanes

1. What is my initial response to seaplanes being able to land on LBG.

I do not agree it is a good idea. LBG has continuously been used as a non vehicle based lake with only certain particular vehicles being able to go on it. Having seaplanes would interfere with this premise completely.

2. What are the top three things NCA should consider?

1. pollution and other environmental impact on things like bird habitats, animal safety and habitat, noise pollution, air fuel pollution - i like swimming in the lake and this proposal would be a disaster in relation to being able to enjoy the lake. some of my friends have disabilities and the lake is the ONLY source of water to enjoy during summer, some people do not have the capacity to travel all over the place just to swim or whatever they WANT to do peacefully in the surrounds of the lake. the lake is incredibly popular and becoming more so. why destroy it's peace and quiet by having aeroplanes land on it every day? i feel vehemently opposed to it.

2. safety and convenience. It will interfere with traditional sports on LBG, yachting, dragon boat racing, rowing and swimming. I do not think it is anything like a good excuse to say people can 'work around' seaplanes. this defeats the purpose for which the lake was created. a place for everyone - not just an elitist crowd who can afford some exorbitant fee to land on the lake when it is NOT essential, it is luxury. why can't people just enjoy something and not have it interfered with? the entire city has been taken over by developers and used to make money. why does a public convenience and something which is really good for people have to be taken away for the privilege of a very few?

3. the area where a seaplane lands is mostly in areas that are used by other more low impact sports or other users. the lake is used by huge amounts of people both on the water and around it's circumference. it disturbs the peace and ambience of the lake to have noisy and polluting vehicles taking away from its beauty and pleasantness - everyone currently has an even playing field to enjoy the lake, this totally changes that. do politicians actually go out and see what people DO on the weekend and weekdays around the lake? i suggest they do that.

if a seaplane lands in areas that are not generally used (and they are VERY few) then it lands where nobody wants to be. ie, somewhere east of kingston (i doubt the people owning real estate in kingston foreshore would like this to be part of their everyday experience) or west of black mountain peninsula (which is any case is out because of rowers) so each part of the lake has SIGNIFICANT issues for landing that cannot be resolved.

3. has NCA considered all the factors properly? It is incumbent upon NCA to *fully* gather the evidence along with the sincere wishes of the community regarding this proposal. As a comparison I have been intimately involved in the objection to helicopters taking joy flights from Katoomba airfield into the world heritage areas of the Blue Mountains particularly Blackheath which also includes the meditation centre.

the case for the seaplanes while not a world heritage area is similar in Canberra as it is ultimately the freedom and capacity to enjoy common amenity for the good of everyone that is being threatened. users of our community lake facility go quietly about their business, not disturbing anyone. they also do not disturb wildlife, bird habitats, fish breeding areas, and heritage areas of the lake like around Yarralumla reach, dam, kingston foreshore. the proposal to land sea planes on the lake destroys all the above qualities of the lake.

4. could seaplanes raise awareness of canberra's existence. is this some kind of joke? i can't see how it can. most people wanting to land in a seaplane are going to know canberra already or have a good idea of it, surely. there are so many options to get to canberra very quickly and easily. please don't lets throw away our peace and quiet. heaven knows we have thrown away so much quality of life around canberra as community facilities get moved or knocked down or rebuilt in a less accessible fashion (like swimming pools).

please consider my feedback and stop the seaplanes landing on our lake.

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