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To:  
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*Thank-you for the opportunity to make this submission. I'll adopt your four posited questions for my submission.*

**What is your initial response to the idea of seaplanes operating on Lake Burley Griffin?**

This idea to me seems like a proposal for a student assignment to develop their skills at analysis. Seriously I did not envisage that the NCA would spend such resources even considering this especially after such a recent review in 2017.

**What are the top three things the NCA should consider in making a decision regarding seaplane operations on Lake Burley Griffin?**

1. The existing contested current usage by increasing user types on this small body of water.
2. Reconciling the obvious conflict between speed limits for recreational power boats with the seaplane landing speed.
3. The loss of the serenity and aesthetic that LBG is much loved for.
4. The scorn to which elitist seaplanes would be regarded by the rest of Australia in the nation's capital.

**Has the NCA appropriately covered the range of issues requiring consideration before making a decision concerning seaplane operations on Lake Burley Griffin?**

No. You are opening the floodgates. There are emerging passive user groups I have observed on Lake Burley Griffin that the Discussion Paper has not addressed. I found the Discussion Paper limiting and unbalanced sadly.

I swim around the islands in the lake when able, we paddle our kayaks, we do swimming events, triathlon events, walk around the lake, observe birdlife, picnic and are grateful for the serenity and recuperative powers for our souls the Lakes offers.

**Could seaplane operations assist in raising awareness of Canberra as the National Capital and how could this benefit Australians?**

There is no obvious connection between seaplanes usage on LBG and positive awareness of Canberra as the National Capital. I can however see negative connections. Canberra, it's elites and public servants and polities will be the butt of

yet another round of jokes. It's not Hollywood here. Connecting Canberra to Australia's national capital is about the carriage of the notions of egalitarianism, respect, fairness and equality of opportunity, a peaceful life and respectful connectedness to the environment.

Oftentimes many of us think the NCA is trying too hard. Slow down. Be the custodians of respect, natural and man-made infrastructural beauty, the preserver of history, the contributor to the gentle welcoming egalitarian future for all Australians.

Don't do busy work for the sake of it!

Yours sincerely Petrina Quinn PhD

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