Dear sir/madam,

I have read the discussion paper for public comment concerning possible seaplane operations on Lake Burley Griffin.

**Please protect my privacy and do not submit my name or email for publication**

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

The quality of life for residents living in the ACT, the necessity of the service, the environment

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

NO. Furthermore the document as reviewed is not a "discussion paper" but impresses as biased and written by a group that should be impartial but obviously supports the proposal.

In my opinion it is also misleading. For example the text relating to Sydney Seaplanes refers to a twin engined aircraft yet the photographs are all of a single engine aircraft. There are no photographs of the types of aircraft that would actually be used. A Twin Otter, as per the proposal, is a significantly large aircraft.

*The aircraft proposed to be used by Sydney Seaplanes is an amphibious Twin Otter (twin turbine), operated by two pilots. Maximum passenger capacity is 14 people.*

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

NO we already have an airport in an appropriate location from which commercial and tourist flights can be operated. Seaplane flights would only be accessible by a wealthy minority who would be well aware of Canberra as our National Capital. Emphasis on train and bus travel bus would be more inclusive plus accessible to those with disabilities. Awareness is more effectively raised by education and marketing not by expensive commercial gimmicks.

In my opinion, this proposal is frivolous and is not suitable or sustainable to the ACT context.

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