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Hello,

I wanted to provide my feedback to the idea of allowing seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin, as I am one hundred percent opposed to the idea.

I am at the lake a lot - mostly walking around it, but also bike riding and kayaking and sailing in summer. Sea planes would not fit into how the community uses the lake. I think the current ban on having lots of private motor boats and water skiing is wonderful - it creates a space for people to exercise doing rowing, kayaking, dragon boating, and sailing. If motor boats aren't suitable for the lake then I can't see how sea planes would work. Also, the lack of engines on the lake means that it is much more peaceful for the many people who walk and bikeride around the lake.

What makes the lake a great recreational space is the lack of power boats and also the car-free footpaths and bikepaths. Despite being in the centre of the city, the lake feels like an oasis from the general city traffic and noise.

And finally, I just can't see any point to the sea planes - Canberra already has an airport that must be less than five kilometers from the lake. Small planes can and do take off from our existing airport. And we also have extremely good road access plus the train - we are already a very easy city to travel to and from. Canberra is not some inaccessible island that we need sea planes.

kind regards,
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