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Hello,

I would like to make a short submission in response to the discussion paper on operating seaplanes from Lake Burley Griffin.

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

I think that this is a promising idea. It would help to further activate the lake (which can be pretty dead in the middle of the day when these flights would take place) and would encourage further interest in Canberra from tourists. The proposal made in the discussion paper looks well considered.

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

- Safety should be the first consideration. This should include the safety of people operating boats on the lake, as well as for people in the sea planes.
- Flights should be undertaken on a trial basis, for perhaps six months initially, to provide a proper period to assess the impact of the flights. A one-off trial flight doesn't provide a strong evidence base for the community to understand the impact of seaplane operations. What was an interesting novelty could become an irritation after time.
- When assessing the results of the trial, the NCA should balance the net benefits for the community, especially as there are likely to be more boaters inconvenienced than (the presumably typically financially well-off) people who benefit from the flights.

Regards,  
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