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Hello dear Mr. Andrew Smith and the NCA, thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the Lake Burley Griffin Seaplanes proposal.

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

When we first read of the proposal we thought that it was a very exciting and interesting idea, that has transformative potential for the role of LBG within Canberra, expanding and intensifying the lake's function as a world-class tourism attraction, as a beautiful asset within our city-scape.

It would also transform the function of the Canberra CBD more generally into a genuine transport hub (seaplanes, light rail) as the city continues to grow and develop into a 'city of note' within Australia, with a population of 500,000+ people.

You could also potentially have dusk and evening flights, by having marked, lighted buoys for the seaplane landing/take-off area, with both the general public and customers enjoying watching the aeroplanes come into land at dusk and in the evening (Canberra is beautiful to look at during dusk and evening).

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

Fairness, equity, for all lake users, including existing or 'old' lake users and 'new' lake users. Hopefully the needs and interests of all lake users, both old and new, can be harmoniously balanced and accommodated together.

Human safety.

Environmental impact.

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

We think so. The public consultation process should be able to raise various perspectives on the proposal.

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

We think so. You could definitely see the value and attraction of 'come to Canberra and watch the seaplanes land on LBG while you enjoy a lake side coffee', and maybe even take a flight yourself, either as a tourist flight or as a transportation service to another seaplane hub such as Sydney and maybe even Nowra or Bateman's Bay etc etc.

We think a number of visitors to Canberra might find a Seaplane service an interesting capability to utilise, whether it be for general transportation or as a tourism attraction around the Canberra region.

Kind regards and thanks for your time in considering our comments, Roy and Rev. Mijina McDowall.

