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RAAus is pleased to provide a response to the consultation for operation of seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin and are also happy for this response to be made public.

The initial response of RAAus to the proposal was positive as it is believed seaplane operations on Lake Burley Griffin provides an opportunity for members of the public to become more aware of aviation in general, to view the operation of seaplanes on the Lake as a positive experience and to provide a simple means of transport between Sydney and Canberra via an alternate means of transport to regular commercial flights from Canberra airport.

The top three considerations RAAus considers to be relevant to consultation include:

- Safe and equitable access to the lake by all possible users
- Appropriate and alternate landing sites should the primary locations be unavailable due to other lake users, weather or unforeseen issues
- Appropriate management of possible noise concerns

The information provided in the consultation information relevant to these topics appears to provide sufficient consideration and management of these specific possible concerns.

Regarding benefits to the National Capital and as noted in the paper, RAAus is aware of similar seaplane operations on Vancouver Harbour in Canada, utilising a major international shipping location with cruise ships, transport and pleasure vessels, including kayaking and sailing boats operating on the harbour. Such seaplane operations provide significant tourism and transport opportunities and RAAus views this application as an opportunity for similar activity for tourism, aviation awareness and the addition of exciting and interesting use of the lake by Canberra as a location.

Regards

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