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We wish to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed operation of seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin.

We regularly walk around Weston Park peninsula, & are very aware of the traffic noise from Parkes Way at the end of the peninsula. We note that the proposed route for seaplane take-off would be across this peninsula, & believe this would significantly add to this noise level, adversely affecting both the human users and the large animal & bird population there.

We are bird-watchers, and identify a minimum of 13, maximum of 34, bird species on Weston Park Peninsula, within an hour's walk. We also often see groups of tourists who come to the peninsula to photograph its large group of 'resident' kangaroos. The natural history of this part of Canberra & its proximity to the city's centre are a significant drawcard for tourists to Canberra. We believe that this would be greatly reduced by the noise, air turbulence & air pollution from seaplane use. Canberrans make full use of the excellent picnic & children's playground facilities throughout the year. This may not be such an appealing place to choose for outdoor recreation if seaplane noise & air pollution occur.

The Sydney Seaplane Proposal would seem to contain inaccurate information regarding the type of seaplane they propose using. One wonders about the accuracy of other details in their submission. The age of the 2 South Coast Seaplane fleet, especially the 1976 Maule M5, is most concerning regarding fuel efficiency, engine reliability, and use of toxic, lead-based fuel. The ACT Government is leading the way in Australia regarding action on the Climate Crisis, carbon footprint of transport & use of renewable energy sources. We believe that the seaplane proposal counteracts this, and object to it particularly on these grounds.

The seaplane routes in the area of highest recreational use on Lake Burley Griffin cannot be justified on any grounds. Maximum recreational use of the lake is in summer, which is when, presumably, the seaplane use would also be maximum. It is obvious that major sporting event users would discontinue holding national events on this lake if they would be disrupted by seaplane use. The ACT would thus lose a huge amount of tourist \$.

If lives of people using the lake are NOT to be put at risk, then every form of recreational water use would have to be stopped for seaplane arrivals & departures in this very limited aquatic space (compared to Sydney Harbour). We believe that this totally contradicts the original intention of Canberra's architect, Walter Burley Griffin, to have this lake as Canberra's 'jewel in the crown', not to mention the Lake Burley Griffin and Adjacent Lands HERITAGE Management Plan of 2009. There is no point to "Heritage" Plans or Listings if they can be modified or deleted for financial gain by Developers or other Companies.

It would appear that neither company has any concern to enhance Tourism in the ACT. We believe their proposals are solely for financial gain at the expense of the ACT's unique, natural environment. The ACT would pay a huge price for a very few additional travellers to our beautiful city. We would rather see the development of a faster intercity rail link, powered by renewable

energy sources!

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