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Hello

I am responding with some positive comments on the seaplane proposal for Lake Burley Griffin. I am a resident of the ACT.

My initial response of the proposal was that it was one of the most innovative and inspirational initiatives to be considered for Canberra. It provides both a tourism and business link between Sydney city and Canberra city, and would become a tourism activity in itself with people wanting to come and look at the seaplanes arrive and depart. While actual users of the seaplane pay for the privilege, it provides economic, cultural, tourism and business benefits to the broader Canberra community. It also provides additional tourist links to the South Coast region with Canberra being seen as the regional hub - but with few actual hub links.

The proposal would absolutely assist to raise awareness of Canberra as a tourist destination. It would also assist Canberra to become a more vibrant, diverse and modern city with additional visual and cultural attractions, and transport options for both visitors and residents.

Lake Burley Griffin like Sydney Harbour should be able to be enjoyed by both visitors and residents. Sydney has been able to manage the activities of multiple interests on the harbour and I would expect the NCA and Canberra as a modern and inclusive city would be able to do likewise. I am particularly concerned if other organisations which use Lake Burley Griffin for their own interests and members were to dominate current and future uses and activities on Lake Burley Griffin. I would expect any risks to other activities and their interests could be mitigated in an inclusive and collaborative manner. Sydney with a much busier, though larger, water environment manages the risks for the benefit of all. The smaller destinations that the seaplanes operate to from Sydney, such as the Hawksbury River also have other users on the water ways, and appear to be able to manage the risks and interests. It would be a sad day if Canberra was unable to.

I look forward to a rationale and forward thinking consideration of the seaplane proposal.

Many thanks  
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