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Hi

I am a Canberra resident and frequent user of Lake Burley Griffin for windsurfing in the West Basin

I also occasionally windsurf on areas of Sydney Harbour and the Parramatta River

The seaplane proposal would severely impact windsurfers and sailors on Lake Burley Griffin. The take off and landing areas directly cut across key sailing paths. The winds on the Lake follow regular patterns. Most sailing clubs are in the West Basin. Sailors and windsurfers cannot simply motor away from the seaplane path. They need to tack using available wind and open water

Unlike Sydney waterways the Lake is small and has limited paths for recreational vessels

The seaplane idea is a novelty and a commercial proposition that will financially benefit its promoters and add some adventurous options for those with money to afford it. It is not necessary for the well-being of the Canberra community. It puts money in the pocket of a commercial operator at the cost of removing public space from the community.

During the Covid lockdown one of the few ways to have an “on water” experience for Canberrans was by use of the Lake

Over the years I and other Canberrans have spent our hard earned money on recreational water craft. The cost of the proposal needs to factor in

- loss of amenity to Canberrans
- Reduction in healthy outdoor recreation
- likely downturn for all water based sports and their clubs
- financial cost already incurred by owners of yachts, windsurfers, canoes and kayaks
- risk if collisions with recreational water sports

I do not support the proposal.

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Sent from my iPhone