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Mr Andrew Smith
Chief Planner
National Capital Authority
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Canberra ACT 2601

RE: Seaplanes on Lake Burley-Griffin

Dear Mr Smith

Seaplanes have no place on Lake Burley Griffin.

The benefits of using this small stretch of water for a proposed commercial venture that would bring a tiny number of additional visitors to Canberra – six to eight per flight – do not justify the substantial loss of amenity value to a huge number of Canberra residents who use the lake for recreation – sailing, boating or kayaking on it, walking or running around it, or peacefully looking over it from a quiet vantage point.

Noise and exhaust pollution and very substantial safety risks pose large additional negatives in the cost/benefit equation.

The proposal smacks of yet another attempt by Canberra to mimic a big city, undervaluing its real potential as an eco-friendly showcase for balanced urban life-styles. The proposal cannot be consistent with Canberra's drive to become a sustainable city.

I urge you to reject this value-destroying proposal.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Nailer
(Canberra resident since 2003; member of YMCA Sailing Club)