



Traditional Boat Squadron



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Comments on **Seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin: A Discussion Paper**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal and discussion paper. The Traditional Boat Squadron of Australia (TBSA) is a community organisation that has enjoyed boating on Lake Burley Griffin for over 30 years. The objects of the Squadron are to foster the use, construction, restoration and public display of traditional boats.

The proposal to operate seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin (LBG) has been discussed at TBSA meetings. Members can see some advantages to Canberra of a regular seaplane operation, such as benefit to tourism and hospitality businesses.

The TBSA objects to the currently proposed seaplane operations because it will mean a great impact to the activities of the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC), because the runways for takeoffs and landings are across the sailing course (Figs. 5, 6). (The heading of Figure 5: "Westerly Takeoff and Easterly Landing" is incorrect, but the caption is correct.)

The CYC holds regular afternoon sailing on Wednesday and Sundays, and regattas can involve sailing on mornings and afternoons of weekends. During school holidays, sailing schools can be on the course at any time. The seaplane operation should not impact a social activity involving many people and which has happened for the last 50 years.

The discussion paper fails to address alternatives to other sites for landings by seaplanes. Figures 5 and 6 show that seaplanes take little room for landing and takeoff. To avoid the CYC sailing course, landing strips could be in Central Basin, with a short taxi distance to the NMA wharf, or East Basin with a new pontoon access beside the existing boat ramp near The Boat House restaurant.

Yours sincerely,

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