



# SHAW WINES

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By email: [seaplanes@nca.gov.au](mailto:seaplanes@nca.gov.au)

Dear Mr Smith

I am writing to you on behalf of Shaw Wines regarding the *Seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin: A Discussion Paper*.

Shaw Wines is in support of having seaplanes operating on Lake Burley Griffin. We believe this idea is beneficial to Canberra and the region. Arriving into the National Capital by seaplane is something unique and showcases the centrepiece of Canberra, Lake Burley Griffin, to visitors.

Visitors are looking for new experiences and by bringing people into the Nation's Capital by seaplane is something usual for Canberra and would be a positive for the region. Flying right into the centre of Canberra, visitors will get to experience the beauty of the Bush Capital from both the air and the lake as well as the spectacular views of all the iconic national attractions.

As a local business, we believe the commercial and tourism benefits of having seaplanes operate on Lake Burley Griffin should be a major consideration of the NCA in their decision process. We also appreciate the heritage and environmental impacts that should be considered as well.

There are considerable commercial opportunities for Canberra and regional businesses particularly after the impact of COVID on many operators. For example, quicker access from Sydney to Parliament House for corporate travellers. This provides benefits to our taxi and executive driver industry who can transport people to Parliament House and around

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Canberra. Tourism benefits includes increased visitation to our city which benefits our national attractions, hotels, restaurants, and wineries.

We can see the opportunity to partner with both the seaplane operators and other Canberra businesses to provide some special experiences for visitors to Canberra as well as South Coast businesses.

The discussion paper prepared by the NCA we believe has appropriately covered the range of issues associated with operating seaplanes on Lake Burley Griffin. There are far busier waterways in operation around the country that can manage multiple water users including seaplanes and using these examples as a guide to manage the lake use, is the right direction to take.

We look forward to being a part of this new experience for Canberra and if you require any further information regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Shaw', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Karen Shaw**  
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