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## Submission Cover Sheet

**Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT**

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Dear Committee,

I welcome your inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT and submit as follows.

If drone deliveries commence in northern Canberra then I believe that it is only a matter of time before they will be extended to Hackett where I have lived for the last nineteen years. The peace and quiet of this suburb is one of its greatest amenities and something of enormous personal value to me. In 2006 I headed a community campaign to defend the peace and quiet of Hackett and other nearby suburbs from noise that would have been generated by a proposed dragway in the Majura Valley. We were successful in this campaign and the government shelved the dragway plan upon finding that the noise impact was too high. In the course of this campaign I came to realise how important peace and quiet is to many in this community. I am dismayed to learn that it is again potentially under threat should a drone delivery service begin. I have read many letters of complaint in the *Canberra Times* from Bonython residents and completely empathise.

My privacy is also extremely important to me and I am most concerned that it not be violated. I would find commercial drones flying over my house distressing because of potential loss of privacy. I do not trust a private company that is in the same family as Google - they have a poor record when it comes to respecting privacy.

I also own two dogs and they spend time in our backyard when we are away from home. I am concerned that they would find overhead drones distressing and bark. I am a responsible dog owner and considerate of my neighbours and try to keep barking to a minimum. If they bark at drones then I am concerned for their distress and also the impact on my neighbours.

I also love the abundant birdlife of Hackett. I live next to the bush so there are lots of birds moving through and I have planted my garden with a view to attracting birds. I would be so sad to lose the birds if they were frightened off by drones.

I would be completely understanding of a drone delivery system if it were making emergency deliveries. However, I am most upset at the thought that my peaceful and quiet amenity may be trashed, my privacy may be breached, and my dogs may be driven mad simply because of a commercial and non-essential technology.

I trust you will give my submissions due consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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