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Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT

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Good afternoon

I am not a resident within the trial drone delivery zone but I am vehemently opposed to any drone delivery service, the exception being for drone medical or emergency services managed and regulated by government agencies.

I recently had an experience with a drone flying overhead while I was swimming in an ocean pool at the coast. I was amazed at how loud and irritating the buzzing sound of the drone was, even when it was quite a distance away, and how low it was able to come to the water where we were swimming.

It was so noisy and intrusive, and completely destroyed the peace, relaxation and essential privacy of an innocent swim.

A couple of dogs close by started barking at the drone, obviously upset by it.

I feel so sorry for the residents in the area of this trial who have to endure hours every day of the noise, intrusion and lack of privacy and security that the drones bring.

I am appalled to think that suburban drone deliveries may be a daily, or more frequent, occurrence over private back gardens and houses.

It will be awful if suburban drone deliveries are allowed for what are really trivial retail purchases - really, is a coffee delivery or fast food delivery, or any other retail purchase, enough of a reason to disturb other residents? as disturbed they will certainly be!

Suburbs are already noisy enough with traffic, lawn mowers, barking dogs, sirens, construction, loud music, but these noises are outside the land area and airspace of a private dwelling - at least the suffering householder can retreat to their own space and not be plagued by the additional noise of a drone flying across their garden.

Will we really allow the sound of drones flying overhead for hours every day to add to community noise?

The drones invade the privacy and security residents are entitled to.

I read that the drones record their flight path so they can use that data to return to their point of origin. So they record private back gardens! And residents' activities! Totally unacceptable.

What about security and safety? A drone can crash, or drop a parcel that may be found by a child or a pet, or be part of a terrorist attack. Again, totally unacceptable risk, and for trivial reasons.

There is much published scholarly evidence that noise pollution causes ill health and disturbs birds and wildlife, and drones will be adding to these issues.

Is this what we want for our "bush capital"? I don't think so.

PLEASE don't add to the stress of noise in suburban and community living by allowing noisy intrusive drone deliveries.

The suburban skies are private at this time, at least at the height and trajectories that drones fly, lets keep it that way for the mental health, well being and amenity of the community and for canberra's wonderful range of birds and wildlife.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPad