



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Petterson MLA

Submission Cover Sheet

Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT

Submission Number: 103

Date Authorised for Publication: 27 February 2019

Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Submission: Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT

Name: Vjekoslav Rezo

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

To the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Canberra is a unique city. It nestles comfortably in the Australian landscape, often referred to as the “Bush Capital”. Being one of the least densely populated capital cities in the world, it was designed to integrate the native flora and fauna within its streets and swathes of open space so that its inhabitants can enjoy and appreciate nature. Many people move to Canberra to experience the unpolluted atmosphere we have. I consider commercial delivery drones to be visual and noise pollution.

Drone technology can have an important role in our future society but only in essential services where its use is structured and unobtrusive. The idea of thousands of drones flying through the skies of our Bush Capital is repulsive. I have lived the proposed future in Bonython and despise it.

The Minister for Planning and Land Management should be examined for his involvement in these delivery drone trials. Initially inviting Google to our region, and then seemingly abandoning his responsibilities to his constituents. He stonewalled any questions posed to him by concerned residents of Bonython despite his implicit involvement and ignored recommendations of commercial drone usage written by his own staff.

He generously provided a site at Greenway for these drone trials despite its development conditions prohibiting its use. The ACT Government allowed these trials to be conducted under a self assessment. Something that affects the Canberra way of life should be conducted under a community assessment procedure and the Government should not yield to private commercial companies.

I doubt if the same conveniences would be afforded an alternate drone delivery company if it was not Project Wing (Google).