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Submission: INQUIRY INTO DRONE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE ACT

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Please note, I would like my submission to remain anonymous.

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I am writing to comment on the following terms of reference; the extent and environmental impact as a result of trialling drone delivery technology on –

- a. the residents within the trial area
 - b. the native wildlife
- and
- c. domestics animals and specifically to bring attention to how the Drones are disrupting the wild life in the Suburb of Bonython as well as how it has affected me and my family.

A neighbour two doors away from my home was receiving deliveries several times a day at least five times a week, every week. As there are a number of people living in the house two doors away from my home, at least 4 or 5 deliveries would take place in the space of approx. 30 minutes which was very noisy (sounds like screeching metal as it lowers and then flies up)and distracting for me and all living in my home and surrounding houses.

When the Currawongs began to attack the Drones it was amazing to see, but I felt so helpless watching the birds try to scare the drone off as they were obviously afraid it was a larger bird of prey trying to kill their eggs or young. The Currawongs made attempts every single time to get rid of the drone. My concern was that the Currawong would be injured or worse. This is unacceptable that birds that are native to our flora and fauna are at risk because of the Drone delivery. With this the dogs have been sadly affected by the noise and with the deliveries dogs will begin to bark making it even noisier and once one dog starts they all start to bark, and it goes on and on even after the drone has gone.

My peaceful existence here in Bonython since 1990 has been disrupted with a lot of high pitched 'whinning' noises that could be heard from INSIDE THE HOUSE as

the drone was on approach to the delivery location and the fear a drone could fall on my home or car or family or myself. So since the start in July 2018 I have been living with the fear that my home or other property or people could be injured as no drone can be guaranteed not to fall at some stage during operation. It is not feasible they will never have difficulties / faults or damage and fall from the sky.

The trial has caused me to feel unsafe and to see birds under threat and a lot of birds have disappeared from my backyard as the constant noise that they don't understand what the flying thing is, so they go away and we are worse off for not having native birds in our backyards.

Canberra is a beautiful place to live and during this trial I felt that this has been taken away from me without any notice, without any consultation, without any care of how the people of Bonython will feel about the invasion of our Peace, privacy and the deterioration of the bird life throughout the suburb, not to mention how the dogs behave and the safety issues that are there.

I hope to never see one ever again.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely.



17 February, 2019