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Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT

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Please note, I would like my submission to remain anonymous

I am writing to express my dismay at the proposed adoption by the ACT Government of commercial drone delivery services.

All technology is both beneficial and detrimental to varying degrees depending, in part, upon the use to which it is put. As such, great caution and thorough, transparent and independent assessment must accompany the adoption of new technology. This appears to be missing in the ACT Government's embrace of Wing's commercial reach into this untested field.

I am concerned that the 'quiet enjoyment' of my home and neighbourhood will be seriously disrupted. This is so much a feature and draw card of Canberra, and already an expectation in tenancy and neighbourhood concerns;

I am concerned about safety issues including, but not limited to, technology failure, appropriateness and effect of delivery in highly vegetated areas and air space controls;

I am concerned about the effect on native animal and birds, yet another a feature of Canberra. The initial fright and ongoing fear factor of noise and intrusion is a major disruption to birds leading to abandoning nests and habitat and to their ultimate silence;

I am concerned for our domestic animals. The same fear factor causes a great deal of anxiety in them - wasn't that one of the reasons put forward for banning fireworks - and dogs' constant barking through the neighbourhood is another disruption to the 'quiet enjoyment' of our homes;

I am concerned that the suggestion of 'creation of jobs' be thoroughly analysed and clearly articulated for both short term and long term outcomes. Likewise, 'benefits to the economy';

I am concerned about privacy, not only the potential use of data gathered by the drones even in the legitimate course of their service, but also by the proliferation of drones that may disguise the presence private/stalking/surveillance drones. This is of particular concern for people experiencing threats of domestic and other violence;

I am concerned that sufficient time be allowed to carefully establish the necessarily complex regulations, including provision for oversight and robust enforcement of compliance before any such service is considered for implementation.

I am concerned that sufficient time be allowed for broad consideration of the implementation of this technology, of which the commercial delivery service is just a part; that it not be limited to economic and environmental departments of government but that it includes whole of government such as health; that the far reaching implications on all aspects of our lives in Canberra and what sort of community we envision are thoroughly thought through.

This technology heralds a huge change and is too big to be rushed into.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Yours sincerely

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