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## Submission Cover Sheet

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

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#### The Committee Secretary

I am writing to voice my concern over the recent Project Wing drone delivery trial in the suburb of Bonython. I have lived in Bonython since 2003 and chose this suburb because of its close proximity to the Tuggeranong Town Centre, nearby bushland and quiet location away from aircraft flight paths.

My main concern with the drone delivery trial is the noise created by the drones as they fly overhead and primarily as they hover to deliver their payload. The noise can be likened to a Formula One racing car, or the sound of deliberate tyres screeching. The sound of the drone (s) can be quite startling and can be heard from within a closed house. I find it intolerable that myself, and members of a quite community should be subjected to this un-necessary disruption to the enjoyment of our properties. I do not object to the legitimate use of a drone where a genuine need exists, such as the delivery of emergency supplies to an isolated property, or for legitimate search operations.

I have concerns about privacy issues. Project Wing have advised that video recordings are made from the drone of the houses along the flight path. There is already too much data collected about all of us in this digital world, and I object to this further intrusion of my privacy.

I'm concerned also about the impact the drones have had on wildlife and domestic pets. Without scientific data as backup, I can genuinely state that the drones have reduced the numbers of birds in my area. I have seen on two separate occasions Magpies trying to attack a drone in flight. Since the trial has ended, I've seen a return of the birds in my area.

My property is located towards the edge of the trial zone and I didn't receive the number of flights that those properties located close to the Project Wing base would receive. I can imagine how much worse it must be for those residents.

Thank you

Colin Carpenter