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## Submission Cover Sheet

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

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the drone delivery technology trialled over Bonython in recent months.

My family and I have lived peacefully in Bonython for the past eleven years. Our home backs onto the reserve at the top of Mt Stranger and due to our location we rarely even hear traffic other than joggers, kangaroos and dog walkers on the nature path behind us. We've always felt fortunate to live so interconnected with nature, in particular the bees and birdlife in our yard, which was a huge reason we choose to buy in Bonython.

The drone trial signalled the end of that serenity. Not just for my family and I who enjoy a sleep in on the weekend after working all week, but also the distressed pets and birds confused and scarred by the horrid howling of the low flying lawn mowers. More concerning though, is that Bonython is home to a growing number of elderly residents who are ex Defence personnel, some of whom have traumatic memories of helicopters during conflicts such as Vietnam. It is understandable that the sound of these loud and excessively large drones could act as triggers for PTSD in a group who were unlikely to have had access to quality (if any) mental health services during their military service.

Canberra has seen an inordinate amount of development in the last decade and I feel that the environmental and personal consequences have not been adequately addressed.

How about getting NBN in Bonython instead, or more effective public transport?

Please consider residents, wildlife and the social and environmental impacts over greed and commercialism.

Thank you

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