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Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT

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I refer to your request for submissions for the inquiry into drone systems in the ACT.

I am concerned about the following statement on the website of Wing Aviation LLC, a company established less than a year ago as a subsidiary of Alphabet, Google's parent company, following a transfer of business from Google:

'Wing is now planning to set up its first ongoing delivery facility in Mitchell, Gungahlin. We are excited to start a new chapter of our journey in Mitchell and look forward to talking to you about what such a drone delivery service might look like here in your neighbourhood. To start, we'll be talking to residents in the suburbs of Franklin, Harrison, Crace, Palmerston and Gungahlin.'

https://wing.com/intl/en_au/australia/mitchell/

The trial has not yet been evaluated, yet Wing Aviation is already building a permanent facility in Mitchell. So much of Canberra's development is now proposed and driven by developers and big business, rather than being carefully researched and considered by the ACT Government before being put out to tender. We are now being bombarded with intrusive buildings and facilities that developers and companies want to sell us, rather than careful proposals that have the best interest of ALL Canberrans at heart. Not just for someone for who is out to make a quick buck.

The company goes on to state that their goal was to radically improving delivery, allowing people to access items when and where they need them, thus living a higher quality of life, with more choice and freedom.

As residents and ratepayers of the ACT, we should have that same entitlement to choice and freedom, including the freedom to choose not to have our privacy and peaceful amenity of our property violated by intrusive, noisy drones.

regards

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