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Inquiry into drone delivery systems in the ACT

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how they felt about it. There is the potential for such breaches of privacy and human rights to be illegal.

CASA has changed the usual Regulations that apply to drones to allow these Project Wing drones to fly within 5 m height and 2 m next to a person, without their permission. This also is unacceptable. It is exposing people to danger.

Drones can be blown by wind very easily on to people/children cars, buildings, power lines (causing bushfires) etc, and should not be allowed to fly so close to people because it is dangerous.

The ACT Government has told people it has no responsibility for the trial and has made no avenue of complaint available. (I am aware that 80% of Bonython residents rejected the drone delivery operation.). They told the many people who complained and have been distressed by it that they can complain to Project Wing.

The ACT Government, CASA, Airservices Australia, The Environment Protection Agency and the Federal Government all tell people that they are not responsible for the noise or privacy aspects of the Project Wing Bonython drone trial. This means that the excessively loud noise of the drones is unregulated, and no one is taking responsibility for the serious violation of people's privacy.

I am also concerned about the impact of the above on vulnerable people, such as the elderly and very ill. I believe the ACT Government is irresponsible and acting without integrity towards its constituents, putting money before people. I do not support the operation of drones over people's homes and in close proximity to them. The current regulations and compliance enforcements are inadequate to keep people safe and it is unconscionable to use people as guinea pigs in an experiment in corporate greed for international recognition.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to a significant social issue.


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