



BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES Action Group

BULLETIN No: 9

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Facebook: **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES**

GOAL To raise awareness of the negative impact of the drone delivery service on residents, pets and bird life in Bonython.
MISSION To stop the drones and their intrusiveness on the peace and quiet of our suburb and environment.

HAPPENINGS - Bonython Against Drones Action Group

Petition: CEASE PROJECT WING DRONE TRIAL IN BONYTHON, ACT

The petition has now closed. On Tuesday 27 November it was handed over to Joy Burch MLA who has sponsored the petition. Ms Burch will lodge the petition with the Clerk before it is presented on Thursday to the Assembly committee for consideration. Anyone can go to the ACT Legislative Assembly and watch proceedings from 10am.

Thank you to all of those wonderful people who knocked on doors, canvassed or waylaid friends, relatives, work colleagues, etc, garnering signatures. Over 1000 signatures were collected from Bonython and across Canberra.

Other happenings this week

After contacting the action group through the Facebook page, a *The Wall Street Journal* reporter (Mike) interviewed Nev and Carol by phone about the impact of the drone delivery trial on residents. He also came to Canberra to interview five locals who were able to relate, from personal experience, stories of how the drones have impacted on their lives. A big thank you to our wonderful residents for talking to Mike and sharing their experiences.

FOIs

- The CASA FOI was received and we are still scrutinizing the document with interest.
- ACT Government FOI – now due 18 Dec 2108.

Project Wing

The Economic Impact Study prepared by Consultancy Firm AlphaBeta for Project Wing stated (according to the Canberra Times 16/11/2018 article) “Drones could deliver \$40m boost: study”.

We are unable to obtain a copy, even though we have asked both Project Wing and AlphaBeta for one. We understand that it was only a summary version sent to the media. We shall continue to request a copy to see how these figures were arrived at.

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Membership

Current membership of the Facebook page **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES** now stands at 234

The current email membership to the stopbondrones@gmail.com account is 68.

NEW Website

The Bonython Against Drones web site is continuing to be developed. We aim for this to be a public resource for all Canberra residents, extending the awareness of the huge impact drones have had on our lives and creating an online resource, clearly and justly, to highlight the numerous evils that we have had to put up with.

The website is also to have a section where residents can express their lived experience and concerns about the drones. Your voices are incredibly important and powerful, and having testimonials written in your own language will better endorse the impact.

Please send your contributions to stopbondrones@gmail.com. It could be just a few sentences or a few paragraphs and we would only publish your first name underneath your words.

Parliamentary inquiry - INQUIRY INTO DRONE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE ACT

Submissions - The ACT Assembly Committee inquiry has commenced accepting submissions. This follows Andrew Wall's approval from the Assembly to conduct an inquiry on the drone delivery services trial currently underway in Bonython. The inquiry will have a closer look at the impacts made by the trial, what is needed from a regulatory perspective if the trial continues, as well as investigate the pros and cons of Project Wing's pitch to commence a more permanent service on the north side before it is firmly established.



**ACT LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY**

The best way to get your views considered by the committee is to prepare a written submission. There is no set format for a submission but it is important that the content addresses one or more of the terms of reference.

Your voice and your views matter! You have the right to be listened to and making a submission is an important way of being heard. Your experiences are incredibly important and will shape what happens next with the drone deliveries. Your experiences may be unique, or they might be similar to other people's experiences. Either way, whoever is conducting the review will want to hear what you have to say.

Written submissions preferably need to be lodged electronically by email to -

LACommitteeEDT@parliament.act.gov.au by 22 February 2019 at the latest. All submissions will need to have included your name, postal address and telephone number. If you are unsure what or how to write a submission, a submission template is being drafted and will be sent out shortly.

If a person is unable, for whatever reason, to prepare a written submission, the committee secretary should be contacted as early as possible to discuss the possibility of giving oral evidence at a public hearing.

Did you sign up for drone deliveries?

If you originally signed up at an event that Project Wing held to promote their services and realise now that it serves you no purpose, or you now realise the extent of problems the drones cause in the suburb, please write to Wing and asked to be removed for their active list. This will reduce the number of residents that they have recorded as 'customers'. Please let us know if you do 'opt out' and particularly if there are any problems.

What you can do

- Spread the word about the **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES** Action Group – tell your neighbours, family and friends. Project Wing intends to expand testing zones of the drone delivery service.
- Check out the Facebook page **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES** and leave comments – ask your family and friends to do the same.
- Please contact Gai Brodtman and send her your feedback. She is very aware and concerned about the issues of the trial and asks that residents share their thoughts about it with her.

- Send us emails with your complaints, issues and let us know if you have any information that you might think we can employ.
- **Keep sending emails addressing your complaints and grievances to any or all on the attached list – ‘Who you can contact’ below.**

Who you can contact

If you have any more people or organisations to add to this list, please let us know so we can let others know.

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development	https://www.aph.gov.au/M_McCormack_MP
Have Your Say – Note: this is NOT a Gov’t site	https://www.haveyoursay.net.au/drones
Noise complaints - EPA	environment.protection@act.gov.au
Wing drones	x.company/intl/en_au/wing/contact/ or wing-au@x-team Att: Jesse Suskin
Canberra Times	Letters to the editor, opinions etc letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au
Canberra Weekly	news@canberraweekly.com.au
City News	editor@citynews.com.au
Gai Brodtman MP Member for Canberra	https://www.gaibrodtmann.com.au/contact
ACT Legislative Assembly	Andrew Barr - barr@act.gov.au Mick Gentleman - gentleman@act.gov.au Joy Burch - burch@act.gov.au Andrew Wall - Andrew.Wall@parliament.act.gov.au Nicole Lawder (Opposition)- lawder@parliament.act.gov.au Caroline Le Couteur (Greens) - lecouteur@parliament.act.gov.au Shane Rattenbury (Greens) - rattenbury@act.gov.au or - www.contactmyminister.act.gov.au
Tuggeranong Community Council	www.tuggeranong.org.au/contact-us
Parks and Conservation	www.environment.act.gov.au/about/contact
ACCESS Canberra complaints	https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/ask
CASA	simon.denby@casa.gov.au

BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES Action Group contact

If you can help out in any way, have new ideas or information please contact us.

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