



## **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES Action Group**

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### **WHO WE ARE**

The Bonython Against Drones Action Group was formed by a group of like-minded residents who are concerned about the impact of the Wing drone delivery service in Bonython on the local community, the environment and on each one of us personally.

Our quality of life is severely disrupted when there is ....

- distress and sheer anger about the constant noise;
- frustration of not getting definitive answers from anyone regarding the drone trial;
- annoyance that there is nowhere to genuinely and transparently voice concerns about the trial; and
- serious fears that matters will get worse with new businesses signing up and no end date for the 'trial' in sight,

These are all factors that got a few talking about the need to collectively take some joint action to change the current situation before its too late.

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### **GOAL**

To raise awareness of the negative impact of the drone delivery service on many 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.

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### **Bonython Against Drones Action Group - HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK**

The initial meeting of BAD Action Group was held on Wednesday 12 Sept to formulate a plan of action for further activities. This involved

- a list of key people to address drone complaints to was collated;
- a 'No Drones' flyer to mail drop to all Bonython residents, advising them of the action group, was designed and printed;
- a list of core issues addressing residents concerns was created;
- potential FOI requests discussed; and
- a bulletin to advise all interested residents of happenings for and on their behalf by the action group was produced.

Actions -

- Nev contacted Bunnings Head Office and spoke to the GM of Corporate Affairs about Bunnings possible involvement in the trial. The officer was very concerned and not aware that there was any opposition to the trial and stated that Bunnings are very community minded and would not intentionally like to upset any locals. They will be kept informed of any undertakings of the action group.
- Carol was interviewed about the drones on ABC 666 radio on 12 September.
- Nev spoke on 2CC radio on 13 September regarding how the community felt about the drones, after an article printed in CityNews.
- Gai Brodtman MLA spoke in Parliament on the drone issue and the effect it is having on and annoyance to a lot of residents.
- Paul spoke on WIN news about how it is affecting him. This included a snapshot of Gai Brodtman MLA speaking in Parliament and asking people to contact her with their issues.

The next meeting was held on 18 September.

**Actions -**

- Two FOI request have been sent to ACT Government and CASA.
- Core issues were finalised and the action group will use these for all correspondence – refer to attached PDF.
- A Bulletin was agreed on and will be emailed to
  - all residents who have provided their email addresses.
  - External groups and companies eg
    - Media outlets and other interested parties such as Canberra Times, Canberra Weekly, Gai Brodtman MLA.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- . Spread the word about the Bonython Against Drones action group – tell your neighbours, family and friends.
- . 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.
- . Send 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.

Wing drones	wing-au@x-team Att: Jesse Suskin
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Canberra Times	Letters to the editor, opinions etc <a href="mailto:letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au">letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au</a>
Canberra Weekly	<a href="mailto:news@canberraweekly.com.au">news@canberraweekly.com.au</a>
City News	<a href="mailto:editor@citynews.com.au">editor@citynews.com.au</a>
Gai Brodtman MLA Member for Canberra	<a href="https://www.gaibrodtmann.com.au/contact">https://www.gaibrodtmann.com.au/contact</a>
ACT Legislative Assembly	Andrew Barr - <a href="mailto:barr@act.gov.au">barr@act.gov.au</a> Mick Gentleman - <a href="mailto:gentleman@act.gov.au">gentleman@act.gov.au</a> Joy Burch - <a href="mailto:burch@act.gov.au">burch@act.gov.au</a> Nicole Lawder (Opposition) - <a href="mailto:lawder@parliament.act.gov.au">lawder@parliament.act.gov.au</a> Caroline Le Couteur (Greens) - <a href="mailto:lecouteur@parliament.act.gov.au">lecouteur@parliament.act.gov.au</a> Shane Rattenbury (Greens) - <a href="mailto:rattenbury@act.gov.au">rattenbury@act.gov.au</a>  or - <a href="http://www.contactmyminister.act.gov.au">www.contactmyminister.act.gov.au</a>
Tuggeranong Community Council	<a href="http://www.tuggeranong.org.au/contact-us">www.tuggeranong.org.au/contact-us</a>
CASA	<a href="mailto:simon.denby@casa.gov.au">simon.denby@casa.gov.au</a>

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### **SNIPPETS – NASA Article**

Have a look at the site below that is very interesting especially to those who are especially affected by the noise.

**Drones are our noisy future: People find their buzzing more annoying than cars or trucks -**

<https://qz.com/1033675/a-nasa-study-found-drones-sound-more-annoying-to-people-than-cars-or-trucks-and-flying-them-higher-wont-help/>

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### **B.A.D. CORE ISSUES**

The PDF attached to this email sets out a core list of issues that has been compiled from personal as well as those who have contacted us by email, phone or discussion about their problems, issues and criticisms with the drone delivery service. This will be used as a basis for all external correspondence. As with all other documents, it is a 'work in progress', so if there is any other issues that you think should be added, please let us know.

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### **Bonython Against Drones Action Group contact**

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

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