



**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.

*I hope that you all had a good holiday season and enjoyed the peace and quiet without the drones. I know in our house it was definitely noted, as we are one of the unlucky households that are surrounded by unwanted noisy drone deliveries on a regular basis. The Bonython Against Drones committee also had a well-earned breather as we are normally thinking and grinding away at drone work most every day in one form or another. We wait for the day when drones are banned and we can go back to gardening, walking and enjoying living in this lovely quiet suburb. Until then .....*

**COUNTDOWN - 23 days**

... until Wing  
leave  
Bonython on  
15 Feb

### **HAPPENINGS - Bonython Against Drones Action Group**

- The committee met with Jon Reynolds who has created the NoDrone Zone website for the north side. We were able to share with Jon our work so far in lobbying action against the drones. Jon's intention is to get people motivated on the north side to form an action group and continue on the work to raise awareness of the impact of drone deliveries with an aim to stop it getting under way. See elsewhere in this Bulletin for more information about NoDRONE Zone.
- A reply was received from CASA which failed to answer our questions adequately so another letter was sent back refuting their statements. All correspondence on this matter between Bonython Against Drones Action Group and CASA was forwarded to media and politicians, both Federal and Local.
- A reply was received from ACT Government stating that they are not responsible for the drone noise. While this does not help us to get appropriate monitoring conducted, we now we have it in writing that they are not in control of the noise pollution of the drones. This will be pursued until we can find an accountable authority to regulate and scrutinize drone noise.
- A meeting was held with Tim Hollo, Executive Director of The Green Institute. Tim is interested in co-hosting a meeting on the north side together with other concerned groups to raise awareness to the detrimental and adverse effects of the drone deliveries.
- Canberra Ornithologist Group (COG) responded to our email saying that they would like to meet with us to discuss the impact of drones on birds in our local area.
- A "talking points" document and power point has been created to allow for any of the committee to talk to the media with consistency of our aims and issues.

## Make your opinion about drone deliveries count at the drone delivery Parliamentary Inquiry!

**HAVE YOUR SAY- it is easy and quick to do!**  
**Every opinion is important and counts**

Simple submissions such as “the drones really upset me because.....(noise, privacy etc)” are acceptable. You can write as much as you like against any or all of the terms of reference. If you have posted on Facebook or wrote a letter to the media or politicians, simply use that.

Bonython Against Drones can provide you with a template, including hints and tips. Just email us at [stopbondrones@gmail.com](mailto:stopbondrones@gmail.com), or visit our Facebook page. Your submission can also be anonymous.

### **ACT GOVERNMENT FOI**

Following our original request in October 2018, there have been numerous reasons for delays in releasing the documents. Another delay was advised last week and the committee has replied accepting that the FOI now be finalised in two parts. We were advised that the first part of the FOI will be processed with the deadline of the 18 January 2019, and this was received on 22 January with advice that the second part will be processed and completed by 15 February 2019.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

#### **Parliamentary inquiry: INQUIRY INTO DRONE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE ACT**

**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 inquiry will want to hear what you have to say.

The best way to get your views considered by the committee is to prepare a written submission. For those unsure of what to write in the submission, a template has been designed to give you an idea of what to include against each criteria - [Inquiry Submission template](#). You need only address one point if you want!

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

[LACommitteeEDT@parliament.act.gov.au](mailto:LACommitteeEDT@parliament.act.gov.au) by 22 February 2019 at the latest. Your submission will need to include your name, postal address and telephone number, however you may ask to not have your name published.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The closing date for the submission is **22 February 2019**

### **MEDIA EXPOSURE**

After the US Wall Street Journal news article regarding drone deliveries in Bonython was released, the ‘drone debacle’ (as referred to by A Current Affair (ACA)) caught the attention of Australian and International media. ACA and Channel 7 Sydney interviewed Nev and Robyn. Both interviews focused on our plight with the negative consequences of actually living with the drone deliveries and without the counter input from Wing.

- Interview with Channel 7 news Sydney - <https://twitter.com/7NewsSydney/status/1078556734774341632>
- Interview with Channel 9 Current Affair – <https://www.9news.com.au/2019/01/03/16/59/news-canberra-delivery-drone-trial-angers-neighbours>
- Wall Street Journal - <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6532925/Australians-say-pilot-drone-deliver-project-subjects-constant-buzzing.html>

- The Age - <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/federal/dealing-with-dangers-of-the-drone-20181228-p50ons.html>
- Sydney Morning Herald - <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/dealing-with-dangers-of-drones-20181228-p50onb.html>
- Daily mail (UK) - <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6532925/Australians-say-pilot-drone-deliver-project-subjects-constant-buzzing.html>
- The World News (UK) - <https://theworldnews.net/uk-news/australians-say-pilot-drone-deliver-project-subjects-them-to-constant-buzzing>
- BBC News - <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-46483178>
- Digital Trends - <https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/drone-delivery-testers-reveal-main-gripe-about-service/>
- The Australian - <https://amp.theaustralian.com.au/business/fight-or-flight-drone-trial-divides-canberra-community/news-story/df4d666f1c438c9df0d42638527c6df7>

### **MEDIA AND FACEBOOK COMMENTS**

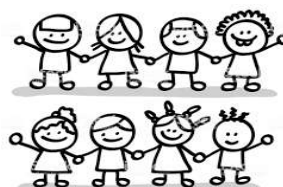
'Letters to the Editor' continue on a regular basis from the wider Canberra area in opposition to the drone delivery service. Letters to the Editor are great in that our voices are heard wide and loud about our disapproval with drones.

If you have something to say about your views or opinion on the drones, write a small item and send it to [letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au](mailto:letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au). You do not have to have your full name published if you don't wish to.

Don't forget the Facebook posts either.

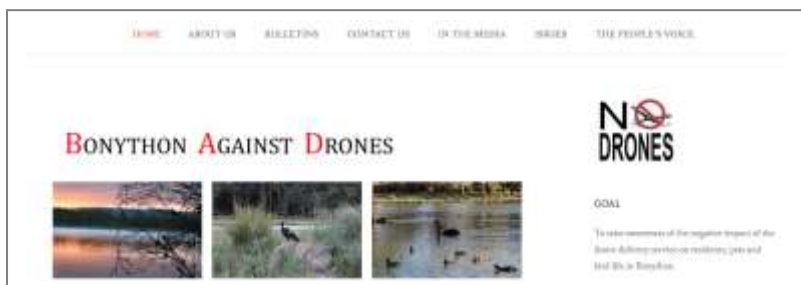
**Ed note:** *It is encouraging reading articles and posts from like minded-people that I am not the only one who feels so strongly against drone deliveries, and some people post some amazing information and articles. Makes me feel part of a well-supported network.*

Behind a successful action group is a tribe of other like-minded people



### **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES WEBSITE**

The Bonython Against Drones web site is now live. Check it out - <https://bonythonagainstdrones.com/>



This is an information sharing site and 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 problems that the drones have created in our daily lives.

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.

This is YOUR website also and we invite you to include your own personal account or testimony. Please send your contributions to [stopbondrones@gmail.com](mailto: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. Below is an example

*We used to get a huge amount of bird life in and around our yard as our backyard backs onto Bonython hill. We have noticed though that over the past 6 weeks or so there are very few birds around. We also used to get lots of cockatoos but haven't seen even one cocky in ages.*

*Leanne N. October 1 2018*

tell em' to buzz off

## **NoDrone Zone - a Canberra Northside initiative**



The NoDrone.Zone community campaign has arisen due to opposition to the proposed expansion of the Wing drone delivery service beyond the initial trials that have already occurred in Bonython (Tuggeranong).

There was significant community opposition to the initial trials. Probably the greatest amount of complaint and objection has come from the noise that the service creates. The noise has proven incredibly intrusive for a residential area, being likened to the scream of a Formula 1 race car engine or aerial lawnmowers. Unfortunately due to lack of current legislation and regulation residents have been given no ability to lodge noise complaints as all the government agencies absolved themselves of responsibility.

There are also the significant issues of privacy and safety.

Whilst not having outright opposition to the limited use of drones for specific commercial purposes, the current lack of appropriate legislation and regulation to control aspects such as noise, privacy and impact on the environment (predominately wildlife) creates as good where the business objectives of the proponents clash with the amenity that the public expect in residential areas.

### **NoDrone Zone - a Canberra Northside initiative (con't)**

For further information contact Jon

phone: 0418812281 (Note hidden caller id calls to my mobile are automatically blocked)

email: mail@nodrone.zone or nodrone@outlook.com

web: http://nodrone.zone

The **closing date is 22 February**, which is now less than a month away to tender your submissions to ACT Assembly Committee inquiry into drone delivery system in the ACT.

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### **RT UNSAFE DRONES**

Should anyone observe any unsafe drone activity, please utilise CASA's online drone complaint form available at [www.casa.gov.au/webform/report-unsafe-drone-operations](http://www.casa.gov.au/webform/report-unsafe-drone-operations). It is important that you report any incident and it is recorded by CASA.

Examples of unsafe activity could include

- if you feel the drones are flying too close to you, either on your own property or when out in public space; they are flying too close to wildlife;
- they are too noisy;
- you note that drones are flying outside of the permitted times etc.

The following operational rules apply to Project Wing drone delivery trial.

Drones must not fly

- more than 400 feet above ground level; <sup>[SEP]</sup>
- at night; <sup>[SEP]</sup>
- outside public gatherings; <sup>[SEP]</sup>
- over Athllon Drive, Drakeford Drive or Woodcock Drive; <sup>[SEP]</sup>
- less than 5 metres overhead a person, or 2 metres horizontal distance from a person. <sup>[SEP]</sup>

Operating hours - 7:00am to 8:00pm Mon -Sat; and 8:00am to 8:00pm Sun and public holidays.


### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Submit a submission to the Parliamentary inquiry: **INQUIRY INTO DRONE DELIVERY\_SYSTEM IN THE ACT. Help stop drone deliveries taking over the ACT.**
- Spread the word about the **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES** Action Group – tell your neighbours, family and friends.

**SAVE THE DATE !!!**

**MARCH 2 5PM**

**THE DRONES HAVE  
GONE  
CELEBRATION  
BBQ**



For all residents who have had an interest or input into the drone debacle. More information to follow.

- Check out the Facebook page **BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES** and leave comments – ask your family and friends to do the same.
- Keep sending emails addressing your complaints and grievances to politicians, media etc

**BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES Action Group contact**

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

Email: [stopbondrones@gmail.com](mailto:stopbondrones@gmail.com)

Facebook: BONYTHON AGAINST DRONES

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