

Dear Sir or Madam;

As a recreational user of the lake foreshores I have the following concerns.

1. The lake foreshores are a major recreational area for Canberrans and visitors to the National Capital. Over the past 10 years we have seen continued development on the foreshores some good but most bad. The lake is currently polluted and will remain so unless we curb development on the foreshore and over the lake and ensure that maintenance of the foreshore and those creeks and stormwater drains that run into the lake are looked after.

2. The views around the lake and of the lake are becoming more and more cluttered. With proposals for this bridge, one from Weston Park and the infilling of half of West Basin. Why have a lake?

3. The artist impression of the bridge in the photograph in the Canberra Times some months back and the display at the NCA Exhibition on Regatta Point are not a true reflection of what an eyesore a bridge in this part of the lake will be. I have yet to see any developments in this city resemble the artists impressions.

3. The proposed bridge would need to be at least 12 metres above the water so that yachts and other boating can pass safely under the same. This will mean that large areas of land on both sides of the lake would be required to get pedestrians up and onto and off the proposed bridge. I don't think there is this much land available at each end for this without creating problems for lakeside users.

4. As an immigrant I feel that the needs of immigrants to this great country are fully covered in each State with their Immigration Museums and for Canberrans with the National Archives. Remembering that Canberra is not a landing place for immigrants.

5. If you want a bridge then build one in an area where a bridge is needed. Currently a bridge is urgently needed to get walkers, runners and cyclists across Bowen Drive and upon to Kings Avenue. Why not have the Immigration Bridge here?

Cheers,

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