

I am glad to see that there is finally to be an inquiry into the process of the Immigration Bridge. The idea that some external organisation can simply dump one of their ideas on the 300,000 population of Canberra without its impact on the social life of Canberra being considered is appalling.

1. Immigration Bridge - why didn't the NCA have an immediate inquiry when the idea was floated?
2. Don't 300,000 residents have a say in what happens to their recreational lake? After all we live here and use Canberra facilities every day as against some visitors who may come once in their lifetime.
3. The lake has been used for sailing for 40 yrs. The YMCA and Canberra Yacht clubs have run classes for youngsters and oldies for years. My son and I went through the YMCA sailing course some 25 years ago although now I can no longer sail. The sailing/racing circuit will be completely ruined by this bridge. You **cannot** sail under a bridge in a race because the wind flow changes over the bridge would cause too many capsizes and youngsters would have to be rescued. The sailing course is not as depicted on the Canberra Map - the turning point of the triangle goes well into the "Keep Clear" area that I have marked on the Map (attached).
4. If there was an argument for a Bridge then it should run from the Museum to the **NORTH** side of Commonwealth Bridge and then people could park on the lakeside car park used for Floriade. This would take the pressure of the Museum car park. They could walk across the Bridge to the museum. They easily go to the NCA information centre at Regatta Point, walk across Commonwealth Bridge to the National Library, National Gallery etc. (see attached Map).
5. A Bridge to the North side would give visitors to Canberra a panoramic view of all the National Buildings on the South side of the lake - a bridge to Lennox Gardens would give them no such views.
6. A North side Immigration Bridge would not interfere with the sailing course and the recreational activities of Canberrans.

It is about time that 300,000 residents had a much greater say on what happens to Canberra. Canberra is not two parts - National Parliamentary Triangle and the rest. Too many proposed changes to the Parliamentary Triangle are having or will have major impacts on the daily life of Canberrans. There ought to be a direct residents' voice and **veto** on NCA ideas, not just the views of the Commonwealth Parliament and the ACT Government.

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