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Comment: The drones' noise is intrusive and exceeds the ACT's urban noise limit of 45 dba as per the ACT's Noise in Residential Areas; August 2018.

The drone noise is worse because drones fly in straight lines across backyards and are not restricted as cars are to areas set aside for noisier activities such as roads. Homeowners can modify their homes to cope with road noise but drones can fly anywhere, making this far harder to insulate against the noise. CASA has set flying height restrictions for drones as we are within the airport's area, so the drones are flying lower down and closer to homes.

The Commonwealth should give drone-noise control to state or local government so that the community has closer control over drone activity, including noise, which directly impacts on the domestic sphere.

Importantly, the domestic noise standards should not be adjusted upwards to meet the noise emitted by drones.

Drones should be made quieter and restricted to follow current traffic areas such as roads. If the drones cannot meet domestic noise requirements, drones should only be permitted for emergency or community-benefit activities such as checking the powerlines by the power provider, and not for delivering coffee or pizzas.

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