

Submission 31 – Dean Pratley

As one of the many people whose choice about where to live depends in part upon the absence of excessive background noise, I am very concerned about the possibility of drone deliveries becoming common.

Many studies have found that noise pollution harms the health of humans and wildlife. For this reason, delivery drones in populated areas should be restricted to the supplies of essential products and services, such as emergency service provision and the delivery of medicines to people unable to access pharmacies.

Australians' mental and physical health will be severely negatively affected if the sound of drones is allowed to become a frequent or constant addition to the current background noise levels in our suburbs and towns.

Given the frequently-reported threats to the ongoing survival of many of Australia's native fauna, it is also essential that the views of wildlife experts be considered as a major factor in the design of delivery drone regulations.