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Lake Windermere's Special Qualities Conserved

It was not very clear what Mark Ellison's response to CNP's Response was hoping to demonstrate (winter edition). We live in a representative democracy. A fair and publicly accountable decision has been made. Windermere's special qualities have lots to offer many different lake users. Its time to move the debate on.

The most confusing element of his thesis is his claim that CNP's major concern "was not the incompatibility of users." Like many during the byelaw public inquiry he is focusing on the word 'quiet' without linking it to enjoyment. The central point being, which Mr Ellison is blind too, is the simple fact that the actions of fast power-boaters were harming the quiet enjoyment of the majority of lake users – fishermen, canoeists, and so on. Incompatibility is not confined to safety matters, but one related to different users' recreational experiences. If one wants to talk about people's rights of enjoyment, he would do well to remember that it is noise that disturbs quiet/tranquillity, not vice versa!

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