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REF A - Exposure Draft (18 February 2022) Australian Capital Territory National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022

Dear David,

Dragon Boat ACT (DBACT) is the governing body of dragon boating in the Australian Capital Territory with eleven dragon boat clubs, about 650 members spanning eight decades in age. It is a wonderful sport enjoyed by many.

The REF A document seeks to impose a 200 m limit from the shore on dragon boats. This is too restrictive. It would restrict severely normal training activities, regattas and long distance races. It would prevent dragon boats crossing the lake in order to return to base on the correct side of the lake, following the traffic rules. The restriction diminishes the enjoyment dragon boaters get from their sport, which is the ability to train in different parts of the lake. **DBACT requests that Part 1 Division 3 Section 6 is deleted from the REF A.**

DBACT would welcome the opportunity to discuss some smaller issues in the Definitions (Part 1 Division 3 Section 5) and a number of "Use of Lake" points (Part 3 Division 2 Sections 14-22 inclusive) where the purpose does not seem to match the REF A details.

Kind regards.

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