



ACT Sunsetting Legislation Team  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Communications

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### **Australian Capital Territory National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022**

This submission is in response to the request for comments on an Exposure Draft for a new ACT National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022 that was advertised for comments on the Department of Infrastructure's website on 21 February with an initial deadline of 27 February that was later extended until 1 March. We wish to register our disappointment in the extremely tight deadline given to the public in which to comment. Deadlines like this severely limit the capacity of community organisations, such as ours, to be able to comment in depth on what might be quite significant and complex changes.

The Lake Burley Griffin Guardians have demonstrated a strong interest in matters relating to the management of Lake Burley Griffin and its surroundings over years. We would have expected to be involved in consultations over the new Exposure Draft Ordinance and given a reasonable deadline for comments.

We were informed by a member of the Department of Infrastructure that no significant changes were being made in this Exposure Draft. They said that in preparing this Draft they had focused on updating the language and making the changes required to take account of the ACT being granted self-government and current practices. In comparing the Exposure Draft with the current Ordinance, it appears that this is the approach which has been adopted. This seems to represent the first phase of a process that needs to be clarified. It appears that any more substantive changes to the Ordinance will be made following 1 April 2022.

The Guardians would appreciate receiving advice on the approach and proposed timeline for future updates to this Ordinance. The Guardians would also like to be consulted on any significant proposed changes to this Ordinance such as new or changed arrangements, new uses and any additional subjects.

This submission can be made public.

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**Irene Davies**  
Convenor