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Dear NCA Team

Thank you for the invitation on 10 May 2021 to respond to the proposal to use Lake Burley Griffin for seaplane operations.

Dragon Boat ACT is the umbrella association representing 11 active dragon boat clubs with currently about 640 members plus supporters. This response represents the Dragon Boat ACT association as a whole.

We recognise that the lake is both a local and a national facility and should be available to all for any reasonable use that does not unduly impact on the enjoyment or safety of other users.

Noting that "The NCA has been in discussions with two seaplane operators regarding the potential for seaplane services on Lake Burley Griffin. Prior to making a decision to allow seaplane operations on the Lake, the NCA will consider key issues such as safety, impacts on lake users, infrastructure and refuelling requirements, heritage, noise, visibility, and impacts on the natural environment.

DBACT invited comments from member dragon boat clubs in the ACT. One club responded, strongly objecting to the idea of seaplanes landing and taking off in the lake, especially on the basis of the key issue of safety.

Dragon boat clubs use all basins of the lake for training. Boat users and swimmers in general, and in particular dragon boats, are not easy to quickly move from a landing or take-off area. Even without considering risk of collision for swimmers, boat users and seaplane occupants, the wash from an aeroplane that displaces a significant amount of water at speed is enough to tip a dragon boat, which is a narrow and relatively unstable vessel.

The enjoyment of the lake for dragon boaters is impacted by noise and disturbances in the water. Seaplane operations would reduce the enjoyment of dragon boating and for some dragon boaters could alter their decision to paddle or to return to the lake in dragon boats.

Regards
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