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An Act to provide for the administration, control and use of certain lakes

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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Lakes Act 1976*.

### 2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

*Note 1* The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain words and expressions used in this Act.

*Note 2* A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](#), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

### 3 Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

*Note* See [Legislation Act](#), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

### 4 Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this Act.

*Note 1* *Criminal Code*

The [Criminal Code](#), ch 2 applies to all offences against this Act (see Code, pt 2.1).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg *conduct*, *intention*, *recklessness* and *strict liability*).

*Note 2* *Penalty units*

The [Legislation Act](#), s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.



**4A Application**

This Act applies only in relation to Territory land.

**4B Application of Act to Territory**

- (1) The following provisions do not bind the Territory:
  - (a) section 16 (General restrictions on boats);
  - (b) section 17 (Restrictions on bathing, swimming and diving);
  - (c) section 18 (Interference etc with signs);
  - (d) section 19 (Approved buoys, wharves and jetties);
  - (e) section 20 (Restrictions on mooring);
  - (f) section 21 (Prohibition of use of lake area or parts of lake);
  - (g) section 22 (Closing of parts of lake for certain events);
  - (h) section 24 (Anchoring boats at night);
  - (i) section 25 (Mooring of boats);
  - (j) section 27 (Restrictions on use of power boats);
  - (k) section 29 (Restriction on use of hovercraft);
  - (l) section 32 (Camping and caravanning).
- (2) This section has effect despite the [Legislation Act 2001](#), section 121 (Binding effect of Acts).

**5 Declaration of area as lake**

- (1) The Minister may declare an area to be a lake for this Act.
- (2) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the [Legislation Act](#).

## Part 2 Administration

### 6 Delegate for lakes

The director-general must appoint a public servant as the Delegate for Lakes.

*Note 1* For the making of appointments (including acting appointments), see [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.3.

*Note 2* In particular, an appointment may be made by naming a person or nominating the occupant of a position (see s 207).

### 7 Inspectors

- (1) The director-general may appoint a public servant as an inspector for this Act.

*Note* See the notes to s 6. Also, a person may be appointed for a particular provision of the Act (see [Legislation Act](#), s 7 (3)).

- (2) The delegate for lakes and police officers are also inspectors.

### 8 Identity cards

- (1) The director-general must give an inspector (other than a police officer) an identity card stating the person's name and that the person is an inspector.
- (2) The identity card must show—
  - (a) a recent photograph of the person; and
  - (b) the card's date of issue and expiry; and
  - (c) anything else prescribed by regulation.
- (3) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person stops being an inspector; and

- (b) the person does not return the person's identity card to the director-general as soon as practicable, but no later than 7 days after the day the person stops being an inspector.

Maximum penalty: 1 penalty unit.

- (4) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **9 Powers of inspectors etc**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, an inspector may—
  - (a) where he or she has reasonable grounds for believing that an offence against this Act is being, or has been, committed, enter and inspect any place, premises, vehicle or boat in a lake area; and
  - (b) give such reasonable directions to persons using a lake area and associated works as are in his or her opinion necessary for the safe and proper use of the lake area and associated works.
- (2) If a declaration has been signed by the Minister under section 21 (1) but has not yet been notified under section 21 (2), an inspector may, on production of a copy of the signed declaration, direct a person who is in the lake area of the lake mentioned in the declaration to leave that area.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) (b) or (2), an inspector may drive a vehicle or navigate a boat or use, ride upon or cause himself or herself to be carried or drawn on a vehicle or boat within a lake area and, when so doing, is not liable for the payment of any fare ordinarily chargeable for the hire or use of the vehicle or boat.
- (4) An inspector (other than a police officer) who enters any place, premises, vehicle or boat in pursuance of this Act is not authorised to remain in or on the place, premises, vehicle or boat if, on request by the occupier or person in charge of the place, premises, vehicle or boat for production of his or her identity card, the inspector does not produce the card.

**10 Contravention of inspector's direction**

A person must take all reasonable steps to comply with a direction given to the person by an inspector.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

## Part 3                      Control of a lake

### 13                      Alterations in flow and water level

- (1) For the purposes of the maintenance and preservation of a lake and the maintenance, testing and preservation of associated works, the Minister may authorise—
  - (a) a raising or lowering, by any means, of the level of water in a lake; or
  - (b) stopping the flow, or reducing the rate of flow, of water from a lake; or
  - (c) the flow, or an increase in the rate of flow, of water from a lake.
- (2) The Minister must ensure that any action necessary to minimise any detriment, inconvenience and damage that may result from doing something under subsection (1) is taken.
- (3) The Minister must not authorise the doing of an act under subsection (1) without first consulting with the environment protection authority.

### 14                      Compensation for damage

- (1) Where any land is injuriously affected by the doing of an act authorised by the Minister under section 13 (1), the owner of the land—
  - (a) must be paid compensation by the Territory; and
  - (b) is not entitled to any other remedy or relief;in respect of the injurious affection of the land.
- (2) Compensation referred to in subsection (1) is to be determined by the Minister.

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- (3) This section does not exclude or limit any liability of the Territory or a person apart from this section in respect of a matter in relation to which compensation is not payable under this section.

## Part 4                      Use of a lake

### 15                      Erection of signs

The Minister may, by a sign erected or displayed within a lake area—

- (a) specify an area in the vicinity of, and defined in, the sign as—
  - (i) a launching area; or
  - (ii) a mooring area; or
  - (iii) a beaching area; or
  - (iv) a swimming area; or
  - (v) an area within which embarkation on to, or disembarkation from, a boat is not permitted; or
  - (vi) an area within which the embarkation on to, or disembarkation from, a boat other than a boat of a kind specified in the sign is not permitted; or
  - (vii) an area within which the landing of boats is not permitted; or
  - (viii) an area within which bathing or swimming in, or diving into, the lake is not permitted; or
- (b) give information or warning to people using the lake area.

### 16                      General restrictions on boats

- (1) A person must not—
  - (a) put a boat in a lake, or take a boat from a lake, at a place that is not a launching area under section 15; or
  - (b) moor a boat on a lake at a place that is not in a mooring area under section 15; or

- (c) beach, clean or repair a boat in a lake area at a place that is not a beaching area under section 15; or
- (d) embark on, or disembark from, a boat on a lake in contravention of a sign under section 15; or
- (e) land a boat on a lake shore, or an island in a lake, in contravention of a sign under section 15.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **17 Restrictions on bathing, swimming and diving**

- (1) A person must not—
  - (a) bathe or swim in a lake directly under a bridge; or
  - (b) dive into a lake from, or directly under, a bridge; or
  - (c) bathe or swim in a lake, or dive into a lake, in contravention of a sign under section 15.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **18 Interference etc with signs**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person interferes with, changes or removes a sign under section 15.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **19 Approved buoys, wharves and jetties**

- (1) The Minister may, upon application made to him or her in writing, approve, subject to such conditions (if any) as he or she thinks



necessary, the anchoring of a buoy in a lake or the erection of a wharf or jetty within a lake area.

*Note* A fee may be determined under s 54 (Determination of fees) for an application under this subsection.

(2) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) the person anchors a buoy in a lake; and
- (b) the anchoring is not approved under subsection (1).

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

(3) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) the person erects a wharf or jetty in a lake area; and
- (b) the erection is not approved under subsection (1).

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

(4) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) the person moors a boat in a mooring area under section 15; and
- (b) the boat is moored to something other than—
  - (i) a buoy anchored in accordance with an approval under subsection (1); or
  - (ii) a wharf or jetty erected in accordance with an approval under subsection (1).

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

(5) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **20 Restrictions on mooring**

- (1) The Minister may, by a sign installed at or near a wharf or jetty in a lake area, restrict the mooring of boats to the wharf or jetty to boats of a kind indicated by the sign.

- (2) A person must not moor a boat to a wharf or jetty in contravention of a sign under subsection (1).

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## 21 Prohibition of use of lake area or parts of lake

- (1) The Minister may declare one or both of the following:

- (a) that entry to a lake area is prohibited;
- (b) that an area of a lake is a prohibited area.

- (2) A declaration under subsection (1) is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the [Legislation Act](#).

- (3) The Minister must give additional public notice of a declaration.

*Note* **Public notice** means notice on an ACT government website or in a daily newspaper circulating in the ACT (see [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1). The requirement in s (3) is in addition to the requirement for notification on the legislation register as a notifiable instrument.

- (4) The Minister must not prohibit entry to a lake or declare an area of a lake to be a prohibited area unless—

- (a) the condition of the waters of a lake or that area, as the case may be, is such as to constitute a threat to the health of a person entering those waters; or
- (b) the prohibition or declaration is reasonably necessary in connection with the maintenance or preservation of a lake or the maintenance, preservation or testing of an associated work; or
- (c) the chief police officer has given to the Minister a certificate in writing stating that the prohibition or declaration, as the case may be, is reasonably necessary to enable police officers to carry out their duties in a lake or in a lake area; or

- (d) by reason of an emergency in a lake or a lake area, it is necessary or desirable to do so; or
  - (e) to do so is otherwise in the public interest.
- (5) The Minister may cause a boundary of a prohibited area to be defined by such means as he or she thinks necessary.
- (6) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person enters, or remains in, a lake area; and
  - (b) entry to the area is prohibited under subsection (1); and
  - (c) an inspector has told the person that entry to the area is prohibited.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (7) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person enters, or remains in, a prohibited area of a lake; and
  - (b) an inspector has told the person that—
    - (i) the area is a prohibited area; and
    - (ii) the person must not enter, or remain in, the area.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (8) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **22 Closing of parts of lake for certain events**

- (1) The Minister may declare one or both of the following:
  - (a) that part of a lake is a closed area for the period stated in the declaration; and
  - (b) that an entity is authorised to conduct a stated event in the closed area during the stated period.

*Note* **Entity** includes an unincorporated body (see [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1).

- (2) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the [Legislation Act](#).

- (3) The Minister must give additional public notice of a declaration.

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- (4) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) the person enters the closed area during the period stated in the declaration; and
- (b) if subsection (1) (b) applies—the entry is not authorised by the entity authorised by the declaration.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (5) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

- (6) In this section:

**event** means a regatta, exhibition, sporting contest or other display.

## 23 Access to leased or occupied land

The Minister must not—

- (a) in a declaration under section 21, prohibit entry to or declare to be a prohibited area; or
- (b) in a declaration under section 22, declare to be a closed area;

part of a lake area that provides access to land held under lease from the Commonwealth or occupied with the authority of the Territory or the Commonwealth or by virtue of a law in force in the Territory.

**24 Anchoring boats at night**

- (1) A person must not anchor a boat on a lake at night.  
Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against this section if the defendant proves that—
  - (a) the boat was anchored to allow fishing by a hand-held rod and line; and
  - (b) the defendant or someone else was fishing by a hand-held rod and line for most of the time the boat was anchored.

**25 Mooring of boats**

- (1) The Minister may give a person a written permit to moor a boat in a mooring area under section 15.  
*Note 1* A fee may be determined under s 54 for this provision.  
*Note 2* If a form is approved under s 55 for this provision, the form must be used.
- (2) The permit remains in force for the period, no longer than 12 months, stated in the permit.
- (3) A person commits an offence if the person—
  - (a) moors a boat on a lake; and
  - (b) does not have a permit for the mooring.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (4) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

**25A Use of power boats—interstate licence holders**

- (1) This section applies to a person who holds a licence or permit (however described) under the law of a State that authorises the person to use a power boat.

- (2) The person is authorised to use a power boat in or on a lake if the person complies with—
- (a) any conditions or restrictions (however described) to which the person's licence or permit is subject; and
  - (b) any conditions determined by the Minister for this section.

**Example for par (a)**

If a licence authorises a person to operate a power boat of up to a stated engine capacity, the person is authorised to use a power boat of not more than that engine capacity in or on a lake.

- (3) A determination under subsection (2) (b) is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the [Legislation Act](#).

## **26 Use of power boats—other people**

- (1) The Minister may, on such conditions (if any) as he or she thinks fit, authorise, by notice in writing, the use of a power boat in or on a lake—
- (b) by a sports club in connection with the training of persons for or the conduct of a competition in an aquatic sport; or
  - (c) by such other persons for such purposes as he or she approves.

*Note* A fee may be determined under s 54 (Determination of fees) for an authorisation under this subsection.

- (2) At any time after an authority is given under subsection (1), the Minister may, by notice in writing to the sports club or approved person, as the case may be—
- (a) impose further conditions on the authority; or
  - (b) vary or revoke a condition on which the authority was given.
- (3) Where a sports club or approved person, to whom an authority under subsection (1) is granted—
- (a) fails to comply with a provision of this Act; or

- (b) fails to comply with the conditions (if any) subject to which the authority is granted;

the Minister may, by notice in writing to the sports club or approved person, as the case may be, revoke the authority.

- (4) A notice under this section may be served on a sports club—
  - (a) by giving a copy of the notice to a member of the governing body of the club; or
  - (b) by sending it by prepaid post, addressed to the governing body of the club, at the club's last-known address.

*Note* For other ways of serving documents, see [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.5.

## **27 Restrictions on use of power boats**

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person is in charge or in control of a power boat on a lake; and
  - (b) the use of the boat on the lake is not authorised under section 25A or section 26.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person is a passenger in a power boat on a lake; and
  - (b) the use of the boat on the lake is not authorised under section 25A or section 26.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

**29 Restriction on use of hovercraft**

- (1) The Minister may, subject to such conditions (if any) as he or she thinks fit, grant to a person a permit to use a hovercraft within or above a lake area.

*Note* A fee may be determined under s 54 (Determination of fees) for an application under this subsection.

- (2) A person commits an offence if the person—
- (a) uses a hovercraft in or over a lake area; and
  - (b) does not have a permit for the use.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

**30 Removal of vehicles and boats from a lake etc**

- (1) Where, in the opinion of an inspector, a vehicle or boat in a lake area—
- (a) is obstructing or is likely to obstruct the free passage of any person, vehicle or boat in the lake area; or
  - (b) should, in the interests of safety or of the public, be moved;
- the inspector may direct the owner or person in charge of the vehicle or boat to move it to another place in, or to remove it from, the lake area.
- (2) Where an inspector—
- (a) is unable to give a direction under subsection (1) by reason of the absence of the owner or person in charge of the vehicle or boat; or
  - (b) gives a direction under subsection (1) and the owner or person in charge of the vehicle or boat contravenes the direction;



the inspector may, with such assistance (if any) and by such means, as he or she thinks necessary, move the vehicle or boat to another place in, or remove it from, the lake area.

- (3) Where an inspector, in the exercise of his or her powers under subsection (2), moves or removes a vehicle or boat, the Territory may recover the cost of the moving or removing, as the case may be, of the vehicle or boat as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (4) An inspector is not liable for any damage that he or she may cause to a vehicle or boat in the proper exercise of his or her powers under this section.

### **31 Houseboats prohibited**

- (1) A person must not use a boat as a houseboat or place of living in a lake area.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

### **32 Camping and caravanning**

- (1) A person must not camp, or keep a caravan, in a lake area at night.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

### **33 Agreements for use of lake areas**

The Minister may, on behalf of the Territory, enter into agreements with persons with respect to the undertaking of commercial activities by those persons within a lake area.

### **34 Commercial activities in lake area**

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person undertakes a commercial activity in a lake area; and

- (b) the activity is not undertaken in accordance with an agreement under section 33.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

### **35 Power to charge for admission**

- (1) The Minister may, on any day or part of a day, authorise the delegate for lakes to make a charge for admission to a lake area or a part of a lake area and, when he or she is so authorised, the delegate for lakes may exclude from the lake area or the part of the lake area, as the case may be, a person who does not pay the admission charge.
- (2) The Minister may, in writing, grant to a person the exclusive right to occupy and use a part of a lake area specified in the instrument for the period, for the purpose and on the conditions (if any) specified in the instrument.
- (3) Where the Minister, under subsection (2), grants to a person an exclusive right of occupation and use of a part of a lake area, the person may make a charge, not exceeding an amount approved by the Minister, for admission to that part of the lake area during the period in respect of which that right is granted and may exclude any other person who does not pay the admission charge.

## **Part 5**                      **Rules for preventing collisions on a lake**

### **Division 5.1**              **Lighting rules**

#### **36**              **Meaning of *operator* for div 5.1**

In this division:

*operator*, of a boat, means—

- (a) the person in charge of the boat; or
- (b) if no-one is in charge of the boat—each person in the boat; or
- (c) if no-one is in the boat—the owner.

#### **37**              **Compliance with lighting rules**

- (1) The operator of a boat that is under way, or anchored, on a lake at night must ensure that the boat shows a light as required under this division.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

#### **38**              **Lights to be carried on large power boats**

- (1) This section applies to and in relation to a power boat that is—
  - (a) 5m or more long; and
  - (b) under way, or anchored, on a lake at night.
- (2) The boat must show, in the forepart of the boat where it can best be seen, not less than 2m above the gunwale, a bright white light that shows an unbroken light, visible at a distance of not less than 5km, over an arc of the horizon of 20 points of the compass, or 225°, from right ahead to 2 points of the compass, or 22.5°, abaft the beam on each side of the boat.

- (3) The boat must show, on the starboard side, a green light that shows an unbroken light, visible at a distance of not less than 1.5km, over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, or 112.5°, from right ahead of 2 points of the compass, or 22.5°, abaft the beam on the starboard side.
- (4) The boat must show, on the port side, a red light that shows an unbroken light, visible at a distance of not less than 1.5km, over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass, or 112.5°, from right ahead to 2 points of the compass, or 22.5° abaft the beam on the port side.
- (5) The boat must show, at the stern of the boat, as nearly as practicable at the same level as the side lights referred to in subsections (3) and (4), or the combined lantern referred to in subsection (6), as the case may be, a white light that shows an unbroken light, visible at a distance of not less than 3km, over an arc of the horizon of 12 points of the compass, or 135°, from right aft to 6 points of the compass, or 67.5°, from right aft on each side of the boat.
- (6) It is sufficient compliance with subsections (3) and (4) if the green light and the red light specified in those subsections are shown together in a combined lantern not less than 0.5m below the bright white light specified in subsection (2).

### **39 Light to be carried by small power boats**

- (1) This section applies to a power boat that is less than 5m long.
- (2) If the boat is under way, or anchored, on a lake at night, the boat must show a white light that is visible at a distance of 1.5km.

### **39A Lights to be carried by sailing vessels**

Section 38 (3), (4), (5) and (6) apply in relation to a sailing vessel that is under way, or anchored, on a lake at night as if that vessel were a boat to which section 38 applies.

## **40 Emergency lights**

- (1) The operator of a boat that is under way, or anchored, on a lake at night must—
  - (a) carry an electric torch or ignited lantern ready for immediate use; and
  - (b) if a light required to be shown under this division fails—show the light of the torch or lantern instead of the failed light.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## **Division 5.2 Rules of the water**

### **41 Sailing and steering rules generally**

- (1) Where 2 sailing boats are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision—
  - (a) a boat that is close-hauled on the port tack must keep out of the way of a boat that is close-hauled on the starboard tack; and
  - (b) when both boats are running free, with the wind on different sides, the boat that has the wind on the port side must keep out of the way of the other boat; and
  - (c) when both boats are running free, with the wind on the same side, the boat that is to windward must keep out of the way of the boat that is to leeward.
- (2) Where 2 power boats are approaching one another end on, so as to involve risk of collision, each boat must alter course to starboard so that each boat must pass on the port side of the other boat.
- (3) Where 2 power boats are crossing, so as to involve risk of collision, the boat that has the other boat on its own starboard side must keep out of the way of that other boat.

- (4) Subject to section 47, where a power boat and a sailing boat are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision, the power boat must keep out of the way of the sailing boat.
- (5) Subject to section 47, where a boat propelled by oars and a sailing boat are approaching one another, so as to involve risk of collision, the boat propelled by oars must keep out of the way of the sailing boat.

**42 Course and speed to be kept**

Where 1 of 2 boats is, under this division, to keep out of the way of the other boat, that other boat must keep its course and speed until the boats are clear of one another, unless to do so would involve risk of collision

**43 Restriction on crossing ahead**

A boat that is required under this division to keep out of the way of another boat must, if practicable, keep from crossing ahead of the other boat.

**44 Power boats to slacken speed**

A power boat that is required under this division to keep out of the way of another boat must, on approaching that other boat, if necessary to avoid collision, slow down, stop or reverse.

**45 Overtaking boats**

- (1) A boat that is overtaking another boat must keep out of the way of the other boat.
- (2) A boat coming up with another boat from a direction more than 2 points of the compass, or 22.5°, abaft that other boat's beam is taken to be an overtaking boat.

**46 Use of channels**

Where the limits of a channel or fairway from a part of a lake to another part of the lake are defined by bearings, buoys or other means, a boat must not go from that firstmentioned part of the lake to that other part of the lake except within the limits of the channel or fairway as so defined.

**47 Racing rules**

A boat on a lake taking part in a boat race is not required to observe, in relation only to another boat taking part in the race, a provision of this division that conflicts with a rule relating to the running of the race approved by the entity controlling the race.

**Division 5.3 General**

**48 Reckless or negligent operation of boat**

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) the person operates, or takes part in the operation of, a boat on a lake; and
  - (b) the operation gives rise to the danger of—
    - (i) harm or death to someone else; or
    - (ii) damage to property; and
  - (c) the person is reckless or negligent about the operation giving rise to that danger.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

- (2) In this section:

*harm*—see the [Criminal Code](#), dictionary.

**49 Causing unreasonable interference**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person operates a boat on a lake in a way that causes unreasonable interference to someone else's use or enjoyment of the lake.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

**50 Navigation of boat while intoxicated**

- (1) A person must not operate a boat on a lake while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

- (3) A person arrested for an offence under this section is entitled, on request made by him or her or on his or her behalf, to be examined by a doctor and, where any such request is made, the person making the arrest must provide all reasonable facilities for the holding of the examination.



## Part 6 Notification and review of decisions

### 51 Meaning of *reviewable decision*—pt 6

In this part:

***reviewable decision*** means a decision of the Minister mentioned in schedule 2, column 3 under a provision of this Act mentioned in column 2 in relation to the decision.

### 51AA Reviewable decision notices

If the Minister makes a reviewable decision, the Minister must give a reviewable decision notice to each entity mentioned in schedule 2, column 4 in relation to the decision.

*Note 1* The Minister must also take reasonable steps to give a reviewable decision notice to any other person whose interests are affected by the decision (see [ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008](#), s 67A).

*Note 2* The requirements for reviewable decision notices are prescribed under the [ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008](#).

### 51AB Applications for review

The following may apply to the ACAT for review of a reviewable decision:

- (a) an entity mentioned in schedule 2, column 4 in relation to the decision;
- (b) any other person whose interests are affected by the decision.

*Note* If a form is approved under the [ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008](#) for the application, the form must be used.

## Part 7                      Miscellaneous

### 51A            Acts and omissions of representatives

- (1) In this section:

**person** means an individual.

*Note*        See the [Criminal Code](#), pt 2.5 for provisions about corporate criminal responsibility.

**representative**, of a person, means an employee or agent of the person.

**state of mind**, of a person, includes—

- (a) the person's knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose; and
  - (b) the person's reasons for the intention, opinion, belief or purpose.
- (2) This section applies to a prosecution for any offence against this Act.
- (3) If it is relevant to prove a person's state of mind about an act or omission, it is enough to show—
- (a) the act was done or omission made by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority; and
  - (b) the representative had the state of mind.
- (4) An act done or omitted to be done on behalf of a person by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority is also taken to have been done or omitted to be done by the person.
- (5) However, subsection (4) does not apply if the person establishes that reasonable precautions were taken and appropriate diligence was exercised to avoid the act or omission.

- (6) A person who is convicted of an offence cannot be punished by imprisonment for the offence if the person would not have been convicted of the offence without subsection (3) or (4).

## **52 Evidence**

Unless the contrary is proved, evidence that a sign referred to in section 15 was erected, placed or displayed within a lake area or on Scrivener Dam is evidence that it was erected, placed or displayed, as the case may be, by or by the authority of the Minister.

## **54 Determination of fees**

- (1) The Minister may determine fees for this Act.

*Note* The [Legislation Act](#) contains provisions about the making of determinations and regulations relating to fees (see pt 6.3).

- (2) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](#).

## **55 Approved forms**

- (1) The Minister may approve forms for this Act.

- (2) If the Minister approves a form for a particular purpose, the form must be used for that purpose.

*Note* For other provisions about forms, see [Legislation Act](#), s 255.

- (3) An approved form is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the [Legislation Act](#).

## **56 Regulation-making power**

- (1) The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

*Note* Regulations must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](#).

- (2) The regulations may make provision in relation to—
  - (a) the equipment to be carried on boats using a lake; and
  - (b) the qualifications of people navigating power boats on a lake.
- (3) The regulations may also prescribe offences for contraventions of the regulations and prescribe maximum penalties of not more than 10 penalty units for offences against the regulations.

## Schedule 2      Reviewable decisions

(see pt 6)

column 1 item	column 2 section	column 3 decision	column 4 entity
1	14 (2)	make determination of compensation	owner of land
2	19 (1)	refuse to approve anchoring of buoy or erecting of wharf or jetty	applicant for approval
3	19 (1)	impose conditions on approval to anchor buoy or erect wharf or jetty	applicant for approval
4	25	refuse to grant permit to moor boat	applicant for permit
5	26 (1)	refuse to authorise use of power boat	applicant for authorisation
6	26 (1)	impose conditions on power boat authorisation	applicant for authorisation
7	26 (2)	impose further conditions on power boat authorisation	entity that holds authorisation
8	26 (2)	vary or revoke condition imposed on power boat authorisation	entity that holds authorisation
9	26 (2)	refuse to vary or revoke condition imposed on power boat authorisation	applicant for variation or revocation

**Schedule 2**

## Reviewable decisions

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<b>column 1 item</b>	<b>column 2 section</b>	<b>column 3 decision</b>	<b>column 4 entity</b>
10	26 (3)	revoke power boat authorisation	entity that has authorisation revoked
11	29 (1)	refuse to grant permit to use hovercraft	applicant for permit
12	29 (1)	impose conditions on permit to use hovercraft	applicant for permit

## Dictionary

(see s 2)

**Note 1** The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

**Note 2** In particular, the [Legislation Act](#), dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- ACAT
- contravene
- director-general (see s 163)
- doctor
- entity
- exercise
- night
- penalty unit (see s 133)
- reviewable decision notice
- Territory land
- the Territory.

***associated work*** includes a wharf or jetty, owned by the Territory or the Commonwealth, erected in a lake area.

***boat*** includes launch, yacht, canoe, raft, pontoon and anything else that can carry people or goods through or on water.

***commercial activities*** means—

- (a) selling, or offering for sale, food, drink or other things; or
- (b) letting, or offering to let, on hire bicycles, boats or other things; or
- (c) carrying, or offering to carry, passengers or things in or on a boat for fee or reward; or
- (d) carrying, or offering to carry, passengers or things in or on a horse-drawn vehicle; or
- (e) carrying on the business of boat repair; or

- (f) undertaking any other activities prescribed under the regulations for this definition.

***delegate for lakes*** means the Delegate for Lakes appointed under section 6.

***foreshores***, in relation to a lake—

- (a) means the area of land bounded by the level of the lake and an imaginary line drawn at a distance of 100m from the high water level of the lake; but
- (b) does not include land held under lease from the Commonwealth or occupied with the authority of the Territory or the Commonwealth or under a law in force in the ACT.

***inspector*** means a person who is an inspector under section 7.

***lake*** means Lake Burley Griffin or any other area declared by the Minister under section 5 to be a lake.

***lake area*** means the area consisting of a lake, the foreshores of the lake and the islands (if any) in the lake.

***Lake Burley Griffin*** means the waters of the Molonglo River between Scrivener Dam and Sylvia Curley bridge.

***operator***, for division 5.1 (Lighting rules)—see section 36.

***owner***, of land, includes anyone with an interest in the land.

***power boat*** means a boat propelled by mechanical power, and includes a boat under both power and sail.

***prohibited area*** means a part of a lake declared by the Minister under section 21 to be a prohibited area.

***reviewable decision***, for part 6 (Notification and review of decisions)—see section 51.

***sports club*** means an entity established for sporting or athletic purposes.



***Sylvia Curley bridge*** means the bridge by which Dairy Road is carried across the Molonglo River.

***under way***—a boat is ***under way*** unless it is anchored, moored, aground, or made fast to the shore or a jetty.

***visible***, for a light, means visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere.

## Endnotes

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## Endnotes

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Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

### 2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

### 3 Legislation history

This Act was originally a Commonwealth ordinance—the *Lakes Ordinance 1976* No 65 (Cwlth).

The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former Commonwealth ordinances in force in the ACT into ACT enactments. This allowed the ACT Legislative Assembly to amend and repeal the laws. This Act was converted into an ACT enactment on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

As with most ordinances in force in the ACT, the name was changed from *Ordinance* to *Act* by the *Self-Government (Citation of Laws) Act 1989* A1989-21, s 5 on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

Before 11 May 1989, ordinances commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* (Cwlth), s 12).

After 11 May 1989 and before 10 November 1999, Acts commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth) s 25).

#### Legislation before becoming Territory enactment

##### **Lakes Act 1976 A1976-65**

notified 13 December 1976 ([Gaz 1976 No S225](#))

commenced 15 December 1976 ([Gaz 1976 No S228](#))

as amended by

##### **Lakes (Amendment) Ordinance 1978 Ord1978-4**

notified 2 February 1978 ([Gaz 1978 No S17](#))

commenced 2 February 1978

##### **Commonwealth Functions (Statutes Review) Act 1981, Cwlth No 74 pt 2, div 7**

assented to 18 June 1981

pt 2, div 7 commenced 18 August 1981 ([Gaz 1981 No S171](#))

##### **Lakes (Amendment) Ordinance 1983 Ord1983-31**

notified 29 September 1983 ([Gaz 1983 No S226](#))

commenced 1 October 1983

##### **Lakes (Amendment) Ordinance 1985 Ord1985-15**

notified 4 April 1985 ([Gaz 1985 No S114](#))

commenced 4 April 1985

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**Lakes (Amendment) Ordinance 1987 Ord1987-49**

notified 16 September 1987 ([Gaz 1987 No S236](#))  
commenced 16 September 1987

**Lakes (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 Ord1988-67**

notified 21 September 1988 ([Gaz 1988 No GN35](#))  
commenced 21 September 1988

**Self-Government (Consequential Amendments) Ordinance 1989  
Ord1989-38 sch 1**

notified 10 May 1989 (Cwlth Gaz 1989 No S160)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 10 May 1989 (s 2 (1))  
sch 1 commenced 11 May 1989 (s 2 (2) and see Cwlth Gaz 1989  
No S164)

**National Land Ordinance 1989 Ord1989-39 sch**

notified 10 May 1989 ([Gaz 1989 No S160](#))  
commenced 11 May 1989 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1989 No S164](#))

### Legislation after becoming Territory enactment

**Lakes (Amendment) Act 1991 A1991-89**

notified 24 December 1991 ([Gaz 1991 No S155](#))  
commenced 24 December 1991

**Lakes Amendment Ordinance 1992 Ord1992-1**

notified 11 March 1992 ([Gaz 1992 No GN10](#))  
commenced 11 March 1992

**Acts Revision (Position of Crown) Act 1993 A1993-44 sch 1**

notified 27 August 1993 ([Gaz 1993 No S165](#))  
sch 1 commenced 27 August 1993 (s 2)

**Registrar-General (Consequential Provisions) Act 1993 A1993-64  
sch 1**

notified 6 September 1993 ([Gaz 1993 No S172](#))  
s 1, s 2 commenced 6 September 1993  
sch 1 commenced 1 October 1993 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1993 No S207](#))

**Statute Law Revision Act 1994 A1994-26 sch**

notified 31 May 1994 ([Gaz 1994 No S93](#))  
sch commenced 31 May 1994 (s 2)

**Administrative Appeals (Consequential Amendments) Act 1994****A1994-60 sch 1**

notified 11 October 1994 ([Gaz 1994 No S197](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 11 October 1994 (s 2 (1))

sch 1 commenced 14 November 1994 (s 2 (2) and see [Gaz 1994 No S250](#))

**Statute Law Revision (Penalties) Act 1994 A1994-81 sch**

notified 29 November 1994 ([Gaz 1994 No S253](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 29 November 1994 (s 2 (1))

sch commenced 29 November 1994 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1994 No S269](#))

**Statutory Offices (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1994 A1994-97 sch pt 1**

notified 15 December 1994 ([Gaz 1994 No S280](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 15 December 1994

sch pt 1 commenced 15 December 1994 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1994 No S293](#))

**Statute Law Revision Act 1995 A1995-46 sch**

notified 18 December 1995 ([Gaz 1995 No S306](#))

sch commenced 18 December 1995 (s 2)

**Statute Law Revision (Penalties) Act 1998 A1998-54 sch**

notified 27 November 1998 ([Gaz 1998 No S207](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 27 November 1998 (s 2 (1))

sch commenced 9 December 1998 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1998 No 49](#))

**Water Resources Act 1998 A1998-63 s 82**

notified 11 December 1998 ([Gaz 1998 No S209](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 11 December 1998 (s 2 (1))

s 82 commenced 4 March 1999 (s 2 (2) and [Gaz 1999 No S11](#))

**Domestic Animals Act 2000 A2000-86 s 158**

notified 21 December 2000 ([Gaz 2000 No S69](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 21 December 2000 (IA s 10B)

s 158 commenced 21 June 2001 (s 2)

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**Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 A2001-44 pt 205**

notified 26 July 2001 ([Gaz 2001 No 30](#))

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)

pt 205 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see [Gaz 2001 No S65](#))

**Legislation Amendment Act 2002 A2002-11 pt 2.30**

notified LR 27 May 2002

s 1, s 2 commenced 27 May 2002 (LA s 75)

pt 2.30 commenced 28 May 2002 (s 2 (1))

**Lakes Amendment Act 2002 A2002-46**

notified LR 2 December 2002

s 1, s 2 commenced 2 December 2002 (LA s 75)

remainder commenced 3 December 2002 (s 2)

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 (No 2) A2002-49 pt 3.10**

notified LR 20 December 2002

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 7 October 1994 (LA s 75 (2))

pt 3.10 commenced 31 December 2002 (s 2 (2))

**Criminal Code (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Amendment Act 2004 A2004-15 sch 1 pt 1.26, sch 2 pt 2.47**

notified LR 26 March 2004

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2004 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.26, sch 2 pt 2.47 commenced 9 April 2004 (s 2 (1))

**Criminal Code Harmonisation Act 2005 A2005-54 sch 1 pt 1.27**

notified LR 27 October 2005

s 1, s 2 commenced 27 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.27 commenced 24 November 2005 (s 2)

**ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Legislation Amendment Act 2008 (No 2) A2008-37 sch 1 pt 1.59**

notified LR 4 September 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 4 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.59 commenced 2 February 2009 (s 2 (1) and see [ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008 A2008-35, s 2 \(1\)](#) and [CN2009-2](#))

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2009 A2009-20 sch 3 pt 3.45**

notified LR 1 September 2009

s 1, s 2 commenced 1 September 2009 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.45 commenced 22 September 2009 (s 2)

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2011 A2011-3 sch 3 pt 3.27**

notified LR 22 February 2011

s 1, s 2 commenced 22 February 2011 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.27 commenced 1 March 2011 (s 2)

**Administrative (One ACT Public Service Miscellaneous Amendments)****Act 2011 A2011-22 sch 1 pt 1.88**

notified LR 30 June 2011

s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2011 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.88 commenced 1 July 2011 (s 2 (1))

**Planning, Building and Environment Legislation Amendment****Act 2013 (No 2) A2013-40 pt 4**

notified LR 6 November 2013

s 1, s 2 commenced 6 November 2013 (LA s 75 (1))

pt 4 commenced 27 January 2014 (s 2 and [CN2014-1](#))

**Red Tape Reduction Legislation Amendment Act 2015 A2015-33****sch 1 pt 1.38**

notified LR 30 September 2015

s 1, s 2 commenced 30 September 2015 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.38 commenced 14 October 2015 (s 2)

**Public Sector Management Amendment Act 2016 A2016-52 sch 1****pt 1.41**

notified LR 25 August 2016

s 1, s 2 commenced 25 August 2016 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.41 commenced 1 September 2016 (s 2)

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2017 A2017-4 sch 3 pt 3.15**

notified LR 23 February 2017

s 1, s 2 commenced 23 February 2017 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 3 pt 3.15 commenced 9 March 2017 (s 2)

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#### Name of Act

s 1 sub [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59

#### Dictionary

s 2 om [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2304  
ins [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59

#### Notes

s 3 om [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2304  
ins [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59

#### Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

s 4 am [Ord1983-31](#) s 4; [Ord1989-38](#) sch 1; [A2001-44](#)  
amdt 1.2307, amdt 1.2308  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
ins [A2005-54](#) amdt 1.180  
def **associated work** am [Ord1989-38](#) sch 1  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **boat** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **closed area** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **commercial activities** ins [Ord1987-49](#) s 3  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **dairy bridge** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **delegate for lakes** ins [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **delegate of the Minister** ins [Cwlth Act 1981 No 74](#) s 42  
om [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1  
def **foreshores** am [Ord1978-4](#) s 3; [Ord1989-38](#) sch 1;  
[A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2305  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **inspector** sub [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **lake** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **lake area** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **Lake Burley Griffin** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **Lake Ginninderra** am [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2305  
om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **owner** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **police force** om [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1  
def **power boat** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **prohibited area** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **sports club** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59  
def **superintendent** om [Cwlth Act 1981 No 74](#) s 42  
def **this Act** om [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2306  
def **visible** om [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.59



**Application**

s 4A ins [Ord1989-38](#) sch 1

**Application of Act to Territory**

s 4B ins [A1993-44](#) sch 1  
sub [A2002-11](#) amdt 2.64  
am [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.60; [A2005-54](#) amdt 1.181

**Declaration of area as lake**

s 5 sub [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2309  
am [A2011-3](#) amdt 3.266

**Power of Minister to determine fees**

s 5A ins [Ord1983-31](#) s 5  
om [A2001-44](#) amdt 1.2310

**Delegate for lakes**

s 6 sub [Cwlth Act 1981 No 74](#) s 43  
am [A1991-89](#) sch  
sub [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1; [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.61  
am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.268

**Inspectors**

s 7 sub [Cwlth Act 1981 No 74](#) s 43  
am [A1991-89](#) sch  
sub [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1; [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.61  
am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.268

**Identity cards**

s 8 am [A1991-89](#) sch  
sub [A1994-97](#) sch pt 1  
am [A1998-54](#) sch  
sub [A2002-49](#) amdt 3.61; [A2005-54](#) amdt 1.182  
am [A2011-22](#) amdt 1.268

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