

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

LAKE GINNINDERRA (TEMPORARY CONTROL)

ORDINANCE 1973

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM


Lake Ginninderra is situated in the Belconnen region of the Canberra City Area and is now commencing to fill.

Works associated with the lake bed itself and the foreshores area are in progress. During the filling and testing period relating to the Lake itself and until the foreshores and other works associated with the Lake are completed it is necessary for safety reasons to restrict access to and use of the Lake and its environs.

The proposed Ordinance vests in the Commonwealth the right to the use, flow and control of the waters in the Lake and its catchment. Provision is made for the payment of compensation to landholders for damage suffered as a result of the exercise of these Commonwealth rights.

The Ordinance will prohibit all persons other than those having written consent from the Minister and construction staff from access to the Lake and the foreshores area. Pollution of the Lake and of any streams flowing into it will also be prohibited.

The proposed Ordinance is along lines similar to that introduced in 1963 for the same purpose in relation to Lake Burley Griffin. The latter Ordinance was replaced in 1965 with legislative permitting access to the lake waters and foreshores. Similarly the proposed Ordinance will be replaced when Lake Ginninderra is filled and all associated works are completed.

  
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