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Molonglo River Water-ski Area Reopening

The Molonglo River upstream of the Sylvia Curley Bridge to the top boat ramp is now open for public use, boating and waterskiing, Daniel Walters, Acting Director, Environment Protection and Water Regulation has advised today.

“The Molonglo River upstream of the Sylvia Curley Bridge has been closed since early December 2010 for all sporting and recreational activities because of the presence of substantial amounts of hazardous debris from the December storms,” Mr Walters said.

“The recovery of submerged debris in the Molonglo River bridge and the top boat ramp, located off Gladstone Street, was a long process but is now complete and debris cleared from the riverbank along this section.”

High-visibility buoys on the upstream side of the top boat ramp mark the upstream boundary of the re-opened area and are also acting as a barrier to prevent floating debris from moving into the cleared area.

“The ACT Government has undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment of the area and has determined that it is now safe for public use. The Government will continue to regularly monitor the area.

“The Government agencies involved in this project would like to thank the Canberra community for their patience during the clean up period.

“The ACT Government’s primary concern is, and will continue to be, public safety at the Molonglo Reach ski area. Lake users are reminded to stay vigilant in the area, and report any potential hazards to Canberra Connect on 13 22 81,” Mr Walters said.

People wishing to use the area above the Sylvia Curley Bridge for power boating activities must make a prior booking through either Canberra Connect on 132281 or through the ACT Government Booking website www.bookings.act.gov.au

For further information on the status of Lake Burley Griffin, the Tuggeranong and Ginninderra lakes and the Molonglo Reach Area, please check the signs at the lakes, contact Canberra Connect on 132281, or visit: www.environment.act.gov.au, www.tams.act.gov.au, www.nationalcapital.gov.au/

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