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Dear Mr McNamara

The National Capital Authority (NCA) has recently completed a feasibility study looking at the possible upgrade of the existing buoyed rowing course in Lake Burley Griffin at Yarramundi Reach to an international standard "Championship" course.

The NCA undertook the feasibility study following the completion of its Planning Framework that reviewed existing planning policies in the western reaches of Lake Burley Griffin in 2006.

The Planning Framework identified a range of options in relation to existing and future land and water uses at Yarramundi Reach including the possibility of upgrading the existing rowing course.

The feasibility study examined many of the physical and operational requirements of an international standard or "Championship" rowing course. It determined that an upgraded rowing course is technically feasible although the costs of lake edge reshaping are considerable and the potential for impacts on a range of lake values would need to be further assessed.

As this initial work will be of interest to Rowing Australia, I have attached a copy of the report for your consideration. The Authority is interested in learning your views on this proposal and I have asked the officer responsible for this project to arrange a briefing if you so wish. Mr Bruce Chalmers is the NCA's contact officer and can be contacted on 6271 2800 or [bruce.chalmers@natcap.gov.au](mailto:bruce.chalmers@natcap.gov.au).

We would welcome your considered views on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsay Evans".

Lindsay Evans  
Acting Chief Executive

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