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Dear Minister Frydenberg

Due to imminent and likely threats to Lake Burley Griffin and its lakeshore parklands, Lake Burley Griffin Guardians (the Guardians) are submitting two Emergency Nominations for Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape: one to the National Heritage List and one to the Commonwealth Heritage List. The nominations set out the values and features now under imminent threat.

Lake Burley Griffin with its Lakeshore Landscape is an iconic lake/landscape feature of our national capital and was nominated to the Australian Heritage Council in 2015 for the National Heritage List but to the Guardians dismay, was not included in the Preliminary Provisional Assessment List. This nomination contains revisions of the information provided in the 2015 nomination to the National Heritage List.

The heritage values of the nominated place are extremely strong. In 2013 the Lake waters and adjacent Commonwealth lands were assessed for the Commonwealth Heritage List by the Australian Heritage Council as having significance but that listing, despite having 3 extensions, has not been finalised.

Now the Lake and lakeshore landscape is under serious adverse threats that are explained in the attached submissions. We note how you included urban parklands of St Kilda Rd and Environs Melbourne, as an emergency listing in the National Heritage List. We implore you to give Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape similar attention.

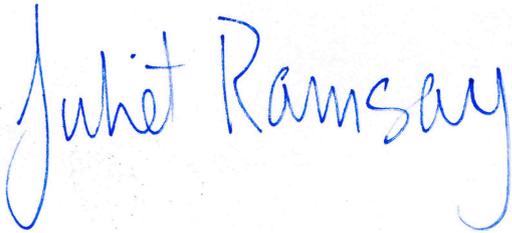
The development proposal is highly unpopular with the general public as evidenced by a public meeting and a recent petition to the ACT Government. Petitioners are concerned about the lack of heritage protection, the imminent lake infill, foreshore works and the proposed apartment blocks to be built over the West Basin lakeshore parkland.

A resolution submitted by Australia ICOMOS and the International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes that was passed at the recent ICOMOS General Assembly in New Delhi (15 December 2017) calls on the Australian Government to undertake several actions to conserve and protect Lake Burley Griffin and its Lakeshore Landscape, including stopping the imminent 2ha infill of the lake and the building estate at West Basin.

We also draw to your attention the entry of Lake Burley Griffin and Lakeshore Landscape in an international Heritage at Risk report published during 2017.

We believe the Federal Government's approval for the infilling of 2ha of the Lake will soon be sought. It is in the interests of all Australians that you intervene with an emergency listing until both Governments can moderate the unpopular development proposal and also provide the place with permanent heritage protection under the Federal legislation.

Yours Sincerely



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