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LAKE TUGGERANONG CLOSED

Director of the Environment Protection Authority Mr Robert Neil today (TUESDAY) announced that Lake Tuggeranong is closed following test results showing high levels of blue-green algae and advice from ACT Health.

“Blue-green algae is naturally occurring in most water bodies but usually in low numbers,” said Mr Robert Neil.

“Closure signs have been erected around Lake Tuggeranong and the lake will remain closed until further notice. The community is advised to stay away from the lake until otherwise notified.

“Certain types of blue-green algae release toxins into the water. Contact with high concentrations of these toxins may cause skin irritations or rashes and swallowing the water may cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea depending on the quantities ingested.

“Pet owners should also ensure their animals do not come into contact with the lake. If you think your pet has come into contact with blue-green algae, seek advice from your local vet immediately,” said Mr Neil.

Regular inspections and monitoring of ACT waterways will continue to be carried out.

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