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CONTROL BURN AT GOOGONG FORESHORES

The Department of Territory and Municipal Services wishes to advise the public that, weather permitting, controlled burns will be conducted adjacent to the Queanbeyan River within Googong Foreshores on 13 and 14 May 2008.

Like in all controlled burns, safety will be of paramount importance. Experienced fire managers, supported by trained firefighters, will conduct the burning operation.

Temporary smoke cover may occur. Every effort will be made to conduct the burn in weather conditions that will minimise the impact of smoke in the area. However, it is anticipated that smoke may be produced for up to a week following the burn.

ACT Health advises that people with asthma and other chronic respiratory diseases should not perform vigorous exercise and should stay inside if affected by the smoke. People with asthma in particular should continue their medication and consult their general practitioner if they have any difficulties.

Before burns are undertaken the ACT Emergency Services Agency, the NSW Rural Fire Service, the Australian Federal Police, Air Traffic Control, Roads ACT, and the Bureau of Meteorology are advised.

For more information, please call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

WHAT: HAZARD REDUCTION BURN

WHERE: GOOGONG FORESHORES

(Handy Map Reference in the Yellow Pages, N 17)

WHEN: From 10:00am on 13 May 2008

Further information: Yersheena Nichols, telephone 6205 3696.

