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City to the Lake Project (Lyrebird Part Two) Special Report released

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The ACT Integrity Commissioner has today presented a Special Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly concerning the 'City to the Lake' Project, known as Operation Lyrebird. This report delivers key findings from the Commission's extensive examination of a 2019 corruption complaint related to this significant urban development project.

In 2019, the Parliamentary Accounts Committee raised a corruption complaint following their analysis of the 'Auditor-General Report No 7 of 2016,' which focused on various land acquisitions by the Land Development Agency for the 'City to the Lake' Project. This prompted the Integrity Commission to launch Operation Lyrebird, an in-depth investigation into these transactions.

February 2022 saw the release of 'Operation Lyrebird Part One,' a Special Report concentrating on the acquisition of land lease adjacent to Glebe Park in Canberra City. Building on this, the current report expands the scope of investigation to include the acquisition and leasing activities of boat and bicycle hire businesses along the Lake Burley Griffin foreshore.

The Special Report concludes that after a thorough review of all relevant materials, the Commission found no reasonable suspicion of corrupt conduct by any ACT Government public official in the transactions under review.

The full report is available on the Commission's website: integrity.act.gov.au

[Link to report](#)

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