

Dear Rene,

Thank you for your query in relation to continuity of hang gliding and para gliding activity in light of restrictions outlined by the Prime Minister to keep the community safe during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Relative to sport and recreation, the following restrictions enforcing closure are in place at Monday 30 March 2020:

- gyms and indoor sporting venues
- amusement parks, arcades and play centres (indoor and outdoor)
- health clubs, fitness centres, yoga, barre and spin facilities, saunas, bathhouses and wellness centres and swimming pools
- community facilities such as community halls, libraries and youth centres, RSL and PCYC
- One-on-one personal training (i.e. trainer and client) can be conducted outdoors while observing physical distancing. Boot camps can no longer proceed

As hang gliding and para gliding fall outside of these restrictions, the activities may proceed. However, it should **not** be business as usual. All mitigation measures should be put in place to lower the risk of disease transmission. In particular, you must ensure that any gathering of people to access relevant equipment in storage facilities does not have a density of more than one person per 4m<sup>2</sup> and people must not participate in groups greater than **two** individuals at any point in time. This extends to practices around transport to take off site, landing and glider and equipment loading either to vehicles or storage.

It is understood there are three primary locations used for ACT based hang gliders and para gliders – Rob Roy Nature Reserve, Spring Hill and Lake George. Restrictions around travel need to be considered for the sports of hang gliding and para gliding. While there is an enforcement on gatherings in the ACT, there is no enforcement on reason to leave one's house. Travel for the purpose of physical activity and exercise within the ACT (ie to Rob Roy Nature Reserve) may be made at the discretion of individuals.

However, in NSW there are there are enforcements on gatherings *and* acceptable reasons to leave the house, which may impact decisions to travel to Spring Hill or Lake George for take-off purposes. Advice from the ACT Government cannot be provided on the NSW restrictions however you are encouraged to go to NSW Health for more information and direction ([https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette\\_2020\\_2020-65.pdf](https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2020_2020-65.pdf)).

Participants who are aged over 70, aged over 65 with pre-existing condition or indigenous people aged over 50 with pre-existing conditions are advised to stay home wherever possible for their own protection.

Individual hang gliding and para gliding participants are advised to use their own discretion in deciding to continue to participate based on individual circumstances related to COVID-19.

The situation is evolving rapidly. These restrictions may change. If you would like to be informed if further restrictions are put in place which do affect hang gliding and para gliding activities, please contact me or monitor government communications to ensure you are kept informed, including the ACT Health website at [www.health.act.gov.au](http://www.health.act.gov.au).

Kind regards

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