



AUSTRALIAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

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To all the Power Boat Racing Community,

Looking at the various State Government directives, as well as the Commonwealth statements via the Prime Minister and health.gov.au, we believe we have no option than to suspend all powerboat racing until the end of April 2020.

The various government and health department policies are designed to reduce contact via crowds and physical contact and slow the rate of the spread of the disease.

Some sporting organisations have put a one-month hold on activities and sporting events to meet the bans. Football, Basketball and other sports playing to empty stadiums works for those sports, as public can be prevented from entering stadiums. With our sport we cannot continue racing, as the public can simply turn up and watch. This is not a good image for the sport and could be seen as being irresponsible in this current situation.

The suspension of racing until the end of April may need to be re assessed and an extension may be necessary. This will be reviewed as Government and Medical guidelines are continually updated.

We suggest the end of April at this stage. Clubs with events beyond the beginning of May will need to consider their current position and possibly assume that a further suspension will be necessary.

The National Executives

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