

## **No 7. RFA-NSW Freshwater Policy Statement**

To achieve, maintain and protect a sustainable freshwater fishery and habitat environment, that meets the needs of discerning and well informed public in NSW.

Objectives of RFA-NSW underpinning this statement are to provide support for the Institute of Freshwater Anglers (NSW) in working with the NSW Fisheries, acclimatisation societies, fishing clubs and other related groups and government agencies for

- the protection and improvement of NSW freshwater aquatic life and habitat:
- re-establishing freshwater fish stocks with fish appropriate to the respective freshwater areas:
- acquiring public access to freshwater fishing locations:
- improving fish passage and acceptable environmental flows in NSW waterways:
- the control of undesirable exotic and introduced fish, aquatic weeds: and
- be vigilant in safeguarding the freshwater fish resource from devastation by the introduction of aquatic diseases from overseas. In addition:
- promote the eradication of weed plants such as willows, blackberry, broom, gorse and such like from the freshwater environments:
- promote the establishment of controlled camping facilities in National Parks and reserves for the benefit of anglers:
- co-operate with State and local governments and chambers of commerce in formulating the socio-economic impacts derived from freshwater recreational fishing for various regions:
- create an awareness of landowner's rights and the need to seek permission when gaining access to waterways: and establish angler ethics with regard to catch-and-release, consideration for fellow anglers, and being litter conscious.