

2 September 2020

The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, MP  
Premier, New South Wales  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001  
Dear Premier,

**“Opera house” style yabby traps**

Native animals including platypus, rakali and freshwater turtles are dying unnecessarily because your minister, the Hon Adam Marshall, continues to delay banning the use of “opera house” style yabby traps in New South Wales.

For a number of years now the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers (NSWCFA) has sought a ban on the use of these traps. In May 2020, after Departmental officers were unable to explain the delays in implementing a ban, the NSWCFA wrote to Minister Marshall asking when he would ban the use of these traps.

The NSWCFA finds the response from the Minister received on 11 August 2020 disappointing, as he was mute about when he intended to ban these traps. More disappointing, though, is that the Minister, after more than 18 months, has not formally responded to the recommendations of his own Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council on this matter.

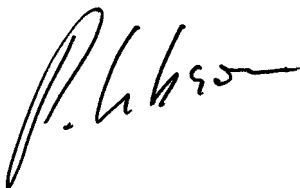
The NSWCFA considers the Minister’s lack of action on this matter unacceptable and asks that you intervene so that a ban on the use of opera house yabby traps is put in place as a matter of high priority so that platypus, rakali and freshwater turtles have a better chance of surviving and thriving in the waterways of NSW.

As background to this request I attach:

- Correspondence from Minister Marshall received on 11 August 2020
- The NSWCFA response of 20 August to Minister Marshall

The NSWCFA looks forward to learning of any actions you decide to take to expedite the ban.

Yours faithfully



President NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers