

Mr Scott Hansen
Director General Department of Primary Industries
Dear Mr Hansen

Carp Management – DPI NSW Initiatives?

The NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers (NSWCFA) is the peak body for freshwater recreational fishing organisations in NSW, representing more than 30 fishing associations and clubs. The adverse impacts of carp on NSW waterways are of great concern to us.

The National Carp Control Plan (NCCP), which was released in November 2022, focuses on the potential use of Cyprinid herpesvirus 3 (CyHV3) to eradicate or reduce the carp population but states that more studies are required before any plan is implemented to remove/control carp in Australia's waterways.

NSWCFA hopes that a decision will be made soon, nationally, on the future implementation of the NCCP. But, disappointingly, recent media reports suggest a decision on finalising and/or implementing the NCCP will not be made in the near future. During the previous 6 years work on the NCCP there has been little evidence, in the public domain, of any state-wide initiatives to eradicate or reduce carp populations in NSW. For example, on the **Carp control information** page of the DPI website the question asked is: **What can we do to make sure our efforts to remove carp are as effective as possible?** However, this question appears to be asked only of the general community, with no information provided about what state-wide efforts DPI has taken during this period.

Many in the community, not only anglers, are frustrated about the length of time it has taken and still is taking to implement a national plan. Hopefully your Department has been active and continues to be active in investigating ways to control carp. For this reason, NSWCFA asks that you provide an update of any ongoing, recent and planned state-wide initiatives aimed at controlling carp whilst awaiting finalisation of the NCCP so that we can keep our members and the general community up to date with developments.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary
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