

**RESPONSE TO FFSAQ REQUEST FOR POLITICAL PARTY POSITIONS CONCERNING RECREATIONAL
FRESHWATER FISHING IN QUEENSLAND**
By the QUEENSLAND GREENS

1. Will your Party accept and recognize that FFSAQ is the community peak body for recreational freshwater fishing in Queensland, and provide appropriate administrative funding.

YES. The Queensland Greens recognise the collective and overarching work of the FFSAQ and will seek appropriate funding commensurate with peak body status.

2. Will your Party establish a Freshwater Fisheries Management Advisory Committee, in it's own right, to provide advice to Fisheries Queensland.

YES. The Queensland Greens recognise the expertise and experience within the FFSAQ and its affiliates. It is important to have mechanisms and avenues available to engage and advise Fisheries Queensland and related agencies in a meaningful and productive manner

3. Will your Party endorse the Recreational Fishing Enhancement Program by committing \$750,000 per year for its implementation?

YES. The Queensland Greens understand the need for adequate funding to optimise the Recreational Fishing Enhancement Program. While not in a position to evaluate the funding model or any audit that may have been conducted, the amount sought is reasonable.

4. Will your Party endorse the Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP) scheme and commit to maintain its original arrangements?

YES.

5. Will your Party adopt a policy position that provides free public access to water storages controlled by SEQ Water and SunWater?

YES. The Queensland Greens recognise the popular recreational opportunities water storages and their associated facilities offer. With increasing urbanisation and loss of green space, it is particularly important for the public to be able to access these sites to undertake appropriate and managed recreational pursuits. It should be noted that the Greens do not advocate for the construction of future dams, however, where they exist and where environmental management and safety is observed, certain activities such as freshwater fishing, should be allowed

6. Will your Party commit to re-establishing meaningful monitoring of fish stocks in Queensland's stocked impoundments, rivers and creeks?

YES. Monitoring and review of any program is fundamental to ensuring effectiveness and to support appropriate management and operational practices. Directing adequate funding to maintaining robust, science-based monitoring programs is essential and could potentially be complemented by the involvement of relevant tertiary institutions where possible.

7. Will your Party commit to assigning 10 Boating and Fisheries Patrol Officers to be dedicated to the freshwater sector?

YES. Given the scale and characteristics of Queensland's magnificent waterways and wetlands, it would seem appropriate to build on the number of officers assigned to this sector and to also create opportunities for indigenous employment and knowledge sharing within regional and remote areas.

8. Will your Party adopt a policy of not allowing any commercial harvesting of fish or crustacea in freshwater?

YES

9. Will your Party commit to providing adequate funding to ensure the recovery and sustainability of Mary River Cod and Jungle Perch?

YES. Absolutely.