

Submission  
No 729

## INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

**Organisation:** Ganmain Anglers Club

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Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of the Ganmain Anglers Club in relation to your request for feedback on our recreational fishing area. Our major issue of concern at this moment is the native Trout Cod numbers in the Murrumbidgee waters between WaggaWagga and Berembed Weir.

It is common place for members of our club to angle these waters and catch just as many Trout Cod as they do Murray Cod; they are definitely not endangered in this stretch of the river. We fear that because of their voracious nature in which they feed that before we realize what has happened the Trout Cod numbers will have exploded exponentially and Murray Cod numbers will have declined significantly.

Our club has been restocking our section of the river for many years with Murray Cod and we now have strong concerns that the Trout Cod are eating the fingerlings that we release. It is with this knowledge and feelings about our local river that we request that it be made permissible to take one Trout Cod over 50cm out of these waters. We have debated about this at length and we believe that there is no concern at all that this would impact on the growing numbers of Trout Cod and should actually assist both species to co-habitat the river.

We hope that our thoughts can be taken into consideration and await your reply.

Yours Sincerely



T.R. McPherson

Ganmain Anglers Club