

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2013/2014

A report to each House of Parliament on the disbursement
of Recreational Fishing Licence Revenue



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Foreword

A report to each House of Parliament on the use of Recreational Fishing Licence revenue from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account, 2013-14

Every year the Victorian Government, through the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account, spends revenue generated from the sale of RFLs on projects that create and improve recreational fishing opportunities in Victoria.

As the Minister responsible for fisheries, I recognise the significant contribution recreational fishing continues to make to the state's economy. The Victorian Government is focused on improving recreational fishing opportunities in Victoria.

During 2013/14, the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group provided advice on the proposed expenditure of all RFL Trust Account revenue, and on the operation of the three-tiered Recreational Fishing Grants Program which comprises:

1. A Small Grants Program - that is continually open to fund small projects up to \$5,000;
2. A Large Grants Program for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000; and
3. A Commissioning Program for large priority projects, generally in excess of \$100,000.

The popular Small Grants Program has now provided more than \$536,000 toward 198 local fishing club and community group projects since 2010, including almost \$99,000 to conduct 37 projects during 2013/14.

More than \$1.7 million will be allocated to 21 new projects through the 2013/14 round of the Large Grants Program. These projects include fish habitat restoration in several major rivers, upgrading access for recreational fishers at a number of popular locations, installing fishing platforms, research centred around popular species such as dusky flathead, Murray spiny crayfish and river blackfish, and a study into the economic contribution that recreational fishing makes to the Victorian economy.

These projects are in addition to almost \$2 million that will be allocated to three projects via the Commissioning Grants Program. Almost \$1 million will fund the stocking of an extra 1.1 million fish over three years to complement the planned annual stocking program delivered by Fisheries Victoria, whilst a second project will see \$729,000 spent on the monitoring of marine and estuarine fish stocks so that they can be managed sustainably. Another \$235,000 will be used to fund a range of popular education and communication products that assist recreational anglers to understand and comply with fishing regulations.

During 2013/14, Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account funds were again committed or disbursed to fund:

- VRFish, to provide advice to the Victorian Government about the broad range of recreational fishers' views on the management of the State's fisheries resources;
- The Victorian Fishcare program;
- Funding approved through previous rounds of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program for access and facilities, education, information and training, and recreational fisheries-related research and fish habitat improvement projects.
- The deployment of thirteen Fisheries Officers;
- Recreational Fishing Licence sales commissions; and
- The costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Recreational Fishing Licence, the Recreational Fishing Grants Program, and the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

I have pleasure in providing to each House of Parliament this report on the receipts and disbursements from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for 2013/14.



The Hon. Peter Walsh MLA

Minister for Agriculture and Food Security

04/09/14

Fisheries Act 1995

Pursuant to Section 151B(4) of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, the Minister (responsible for Victoria's fisheries) must cause a report on how amounts paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account were disbursed –

- (a) to be prepared by 1 October each year; and,
- (b) to be laid before each House of Parliament on or before the seventh sitting day of that House after the report has been prepared.

For the information of Honourable Members, the RFL Trust Account came into effect on 1 April 2001.

The 2013/14 financial year is the thirteenth full year of the RFL Trust Account's operation.

The Victorian Auditor-General has audited the financial report which incorporates the statement of receipts received, and disbursements made from the RFL Trust Account in 2013/14.

Enforcement & Education

In 2013/14, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed \$2,128,515.00 to Fisheries Victoria's compliance budget.

RFL Trust Account receipts, when added to ongoing recurrent funding of fisheries compliance (education and enforcement) activities, contributes substantially to the delivery of recreational fisheries compliance services in Victorian coastal and inland locations.

Fisheries Officers have continued to have good contact with recreational fishers in the field during the past year. Table 1 summarises yearly totals for contacts in the recreational fishing sector. The work is divided into categories based on species, locations or other activities. Over 45,000 total contacts were made with recreational fishers by Fisheries Officers during the reporting period. Compliance contacts with Fisheries Officers totalled over 39,000, with Table 1 showing the number of offenders, verbal warnings, official warnings, infringement notices, and briefs of evidence for the year.

In addition, Fisheries Officers attended 36 angling club meetings, conducted 4,792 advisory contacts with recreational fishers, 136 contacts during fish stocking events and 964 contacts during recreational fishing related shows, forums and clinics.

Table 1.

Recreational	Officer contacts with recreational fishers	Number of offenders	Verbal warnings issued	Official warnings issued	Infringement notices issued	Briefs of evidence compiled
Abalone (intertidal zone)	384	177	52	134	157	5
Abalone (on land)	1477	272	129	157	183	13
Abalone (on water)	127	15	5	3	7	0
Bass yabbies	20	1	0	1	0	0
Bay & Inlet - other (on land)	3242	284	133	68	90	4
Bay & Inlet - other (on water)	1403	81	40	20	19	0
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on land)	8388	528	247	150	186	8
Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on water)	1487	125	59	36	41	1
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on land)	1984	85	33	22	29	0
Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on water)	390	35	6	6	22	1
Freshwater (on land)	6679	644	260	193	203	7
Freshwater (on water)	2061	150	52	54	48	2
Intertidal other	205	132	74	49	25	0
Intertidal pipis	2881	278	185	27	69	1
Intertidal Port Phillip	614	263	138	96	189	3
Intertidal red shore crab	172	20	5	12	5	0
Murray cod	1979	52	22	10	24	0
Ocean (on land)	4538	388	168	168	94	7
Ocean (on water)	416	39	16	4	13	0
Rock lobster (on land)	463	38	20	17	12	3
Rock lobster (on water)	190	16	8	4	5	0
Scallops (on land)	16	0	0	0	0	0
Scallops (on water)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spiny Cray	137	24	12	5	9	0
Totals	39,253	3,647	1,664	1,236	1,430	55

All Fisheries Officers provide services to the recreational fishing sector and interact with recreational fishers through:

- contact with recreational fishers in the field;
- attending angling club meetings;
- attending recreational fishing-related shows, forums and clinics;
- attending fish stocking/liberation events;
- liaising with grant recipients regarding the successful completion of infrastructure type projects under the annual Recreational Fishing Grants Program (Large Grants);
- advising fisheries management on issues relating to recreational fishing;
- assisting DEPI's Fisheries Management and Science Branch on matters relating to recreational fishing;
- responding to recreational fishing issues raised from the 13FISH Offence Reporting Line;
- producing recreational fishing-related media releases/distributing booklets, pamphlets;
- investigating recreational fishing-related offences and prosecuting where necessary;
- collecting intelligence related to recreational fishing offences;
- participating in recreational fishing-related educational activities with school groups and the broader recreational fishing community; and
- engaging with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Fisheries Victoria in conjunction with the recreational fishing community strive to achieve high levels of voluntary compliance amongst recreational fishers. By working collaboratively and by continuing to promote responsible and ethical fishing, we are better positioned to ensure both fish for now and fish for the future.

Financial Report

Report concerning how amounts paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account were disbursed in the 2013/14 financial year

Receipts 2013/14		\$
Total receipts from RFL sales		\$6,303,230.29
356,622 RFL's sold (as at 30 June 2014) including: 32,011 three-year licences, 120,917 one-year licences, 103,842 28-day licences and 99,852 two-day licences.		
Interest - investments	\$61,883.55	<i>Fisheries Act 1995, S. 151B(5) enables money standing to the credit of the Account to be invested in any manner in which funds may be invested under the Trustee Act 1958.</i>
Refunds: RFGP projects	\$108,148.77	Project #SG/117 Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club - Reconstruction of lost shellfish reefs of Port Phillip Bay. \$615.00 Project #SG/164 City of Wodonga – Felltimber 2013 hook, line and sinker program. \$233.14 Project #SG/170 Strathallan Family Landcare - Catch a carp day. \$58.22 Project #SG/166 Donald Angling Club - Junior Come & Try Fishing Event. \$76.59 Project #SG/150 Fishcare East Gippsland Inc. - '2013 Catch a Carp Day.' \$81.34 Project #SG/165 '2013 Laburnum Angling Club Inc. - Rowville Lake Family Fishing Day.' \$13.64 Project #COM/11/12/01 '2012/13 Fisheries Education & Communication Products.' \$55,371.15 Project #SM/10/0046/2 '2012/13 Core Funding to Fishcare Victoria Inc.' \$24,520.33 Fisheries Compliance. \$27,179.36
GST Recoverable	\$8,760.69	
Total receipts for the year		\$6,482,023.30

Disbursements 2013/14		\$
Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects	\$1,423,675.78	Payments to 69 projects - see Note 2.
Fisheries Enforcement & Education Branch	\$2,128,515.00	
Fish Stocking	\$840,500.00	
The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers.		
VRFish	\$414,612.50	
Fishcare Victoria Inc.	\$180,000.00	
Community Information	\$56,452.65	
Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity.		
Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions	\$ 249,522.67	
Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2012/13, paid in 2013/14 financial year.		
Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs		
Salaries and on-costs.	\$393,221.08	
Business, corporate & other levies (common domain access levy, OH&S levy, training & development levy, centre leader levy, CBD accommodation and workstation charge, computer internal lease costs).	\$196,906.98	
Professional and contract services.	\$188,486.04	
Agency labour hire.	\$106,651.92	
Postal expenses, parking, vehicle hire, accommodation, printing, stationery, courier, telephones, banking charges, office equipment, software maintenance and IT assistance.	\$72,194.38	
Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group	\$11,262.72	
Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, vehicle hire, venue hire and personal expenses.		
GST paid.	\$0.00	
Total disbursements for the year	\$6,262,001.72	
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	\$220,021.58	
Cash as at 1 July 2013	\$5,308,633.43	
Cash as at 30 June 2014	\$5,528,655.01	Provision to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects extending into 2014/15 and beyond as applicable and other items totalling \$5,438,319.37 - see Note 3. Cash balance includes \$2,500,000 which has been invested – see Note 4.

Amounts are net of applicable GST

Notes to the Financial Report

These notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with the financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account.

Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation.

This special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The report has been prepared on a cash basis to report on how levies and application fees received in respect of recreational fishing licences have been disbursed from the trust account.

Note 2 - Payments to Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects during 2013/14

Projects initially announced in 2008/09		
Enhance fish habitat and value of the Ovens River (upstream of Bright) as a recreational fishing destination. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$69,000.	\$6,900.00	North East Catchment Management Authority
Sub-Total	\$6,900.00	
Projects initially announced in 2009/10		
Large Grants Program		
Create safe all-weather access for recreational fishing at Taylors Lake, Horsham. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$105,667.	\$15,613.40	Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water
Construct a fishway at lower break on the Barwon River. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$30,000.	\$3,000.00	VRFish
Sub-Total	\$18,613.40	
Projects initially announced in 2010/11		
Large Grants Program		
Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life - history loop. 1 st instalment of 90% of year one funding. Total project funding of \$126,000.	\$55,800.00	University of Melbourne
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 300 junior recreational fisher workshops (and evaluate outcomes) across Victoria. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$89,553.52 over three years.	\$8,553.52	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Gippsland Lakes Tributaries Fish Habitat Improvement. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$208,103 over three years.	\$7,678.00	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Improve recreational fisher access to the Werribee River, adjacent to the Werribee Park Golf Club & K Road cliffs. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$60,800.	\$6,080.00	Parks Victoria
Construct two all abilities fishing platforms and improve angler access at Devilbend Natural Features Reserve. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$184,059.35 over two years.	\$4,465.28	Parks Victoria
Enhance in-stream fish habitat for Nariel Creek through the installation of rocks, logs & root balls. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$54,045.18 over three years.	\$45.18	Corryong Angling Club Inc.
Sub-Total	\$82,621.98	
Projects initially announced in 2011/12		
Commissioning Grants Program		
Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon, Eppalock & Gunbower systems. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$779,500 over three years.	\$194,850.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000 over four years.	\$38,700.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$233,550.00	
Large Grants Program		
Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State-wide media campaign. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total funding of \$300,000 over three years.	\$90,000.00	Life Saving Victoria Pty Ltd
Create a new estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$150,000 over three years.	\$45,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria

Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). 1 st instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of \$75,000 over three years.	\$22,500.00	North East Catchment Management Authority
Establish a new Australian bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$100,000 over three years.	\$18,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. 1 st instalment of 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of \$162,500 over three years.	\$11,250.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Improve recreational fisher access and construct a fishing platform at Merrimans Creek 'The Island'. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$24,080.	\$2,408.00	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Construct a fishing platform on the Gunbower Creek. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$23,098.	\$2,309.80	Cohuna Neighbourhood House
Produce a documentary on the importance of fishing to Victoria's diverse cultures. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$20,000.	\$1,600.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$193,067.80	
Projects initially announced in 2012/13		
Commissioning Grants Program		
Produce and distribute recreational fishing related education products such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. 1 st instalment of 90% of funding. Total project funding of \$224,916.70.	\$202,425.03	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Sub-Total	\$202,425.03	
Large Grants Program		
Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. 1 st instalment of 90% of year one funding, and 2 nd instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$180,000.00	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of 'western stock' snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$263,206 over three years.	\$77,133.60	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total funding of \$115,667 over three years.	\$56,061.72	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc.
Construct an all abilities fishing platform on the northern breakwater, St. Helens Boat Harbour. Total project funding of \$40,000.	\$40,000.00	City of Greater Geelong
Growing the success of Macquarie perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. 1 st instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of \$58,510 over two years.	\$39,159.00	Monash Univeristy
Conduct a communications campaign to reduce released snapper mortality in Victoria. 1 st instalment of project funding. Total project funding of \$38,800.	\$34,920.00	VRFish
Victorian 'Fishers for Fish Habitat' Program. 2 nd instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$114,000 over three years.	\$34,200.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute
Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. 1 st instalment of 90% of year two funding. Total project funding of \$113,500 over three years.	\$32,850.00	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Develop the Docklands Recreational Fishing Strategy. 1 st instalment of project funding. Total project funding of \$22,000.	\$19,800.00	City of Melbourne
Construct an all abilities fishing platform on the Aire River. Final payment on acquittal of project. Total project funding of \$39,426.	\$1,438.60	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Sub-Total	\$515,562.92	

Projects announced in 2013/14

Large Grants Program

Quantifying the recreational catch and effort from the Corio Bay region of Port Phillip Bay. 1 st instalment of funding. Total project funding of \$80,000.	\$72,000.00	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria
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Sub-Total **\$72,000.00**

Small Grants Program

To adjust the angle of the ramp to the all abilities fishing platform on the south side of Lake Bullen Merri.	\$5,000.00	Lake Bullen Merri South Beach Committee of Management
To investigate potential for stocking estuary perch in Lake Tyers.	\$5,000.00	Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club Inc.
Conduct four recreational fishing events for the local community to promote sustainable recreational fishing practices.	\$5,000.00	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School
To develop best practice guidelines for Vic Bream Classics Tournaments.	\$5,000.00	Vic Bream Classics
2013 Cobram Cod Fest.	\$4,795.45	Cobram Barooga Apex Club
Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$4,709.09	Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club
Conduct a '2013 Hook, line and sinker' program to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$4,567.80	City of Wodonga
Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote recreational fishing.	\$4,481.82	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc.
Fish Transportation Trailer.	\$4,450.00	Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society Inc.
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$4,436.50	Riverside Golf Club Inc.
Build the Simpson & District Lions Club Jetty	\$4,337.26	Lions Club of Simpson & District
Conduct a 'Cast a Line' Event.	\$4,273.00	Macedonian Community Welfare Association
Install a weather camera and station at Port Albert.	\$4,223.26	Port Albert Light Game & Sport Fishing Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$3,997.00	Laburnum Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a '2014 Hook, line and sinker' program to promote recreational fishing to the local community.	\$3,617.30	City of Wodonga
Conduct the '2014 Alf Willder Memorial Junior Fishing Experience' aimed at promoting recreational fishing to junior recreational fishers.	\$3,500.00	Port Franklin Tennis & Sports Club Inc.
Conduct the '2013 Ron Nelson Memorial Junior Clinic' event educating junior recreational fishers on correct fishing methods and responsible fishing practices.	\$3,280.00	Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc.
Lake Yarrambat Community Education Day.	\$3,250.00	Fishcare Victoria Inc.
Conduct a 'Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$2,300.00	Australian Volunteer Coast Guard – Port Welshpool
Conduct a School's Fishing Day.	\$1,890.00	Nicholson Angling Club
Conduct a 'Fishcare fishing event' run by Bemm River Angling Club Inc.	\$1,680.00	Bemm River Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'School Fishing Program' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$1,680.00	Colac Otway Shire
Conduct a 'Come and Try Fishing Day' for the local community.	\$1,650.00	Bogong Outdoor Education Centre
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day'.	\$1,427.27	Fishcare East Gippsland Inc.

Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,270.00	St Patricks Primary School
Conduct a 'Kid's Come & Try Fishing Day'.	\$1,100.00	Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$1,000.00	Barwon Health
Conduct a Community Day to educate responsible future recreational anglers	\$933.90	Darebin Parklands Association
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$918.50	Fawkner & Merlynston Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$917.00	Ballarat District Anglers Association
Conduct a 'Catch a Carp Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices to the local community.	\$807.00	Strathallan Family Landcare
Conduct an 'Introduction to Recreational Fishing Day' to introduce the local community to safe and responsible recreational fishing practices.	\$750.00	Fishcare South West Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$622.50	Donald Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a 'Kids Come and Try Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$620.00	Bemm River Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a '2014 Junior Fishing Day' to promote responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$540.00	Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association Inc.
Conduct an 'Access All Abilities Fishing Day' to promote sustainable and responsible recreational fishing practices for junior recreational fishers.	\$460.00	Greensborough & District Angling Club Inc.
Conduct a '2014 Junior Fishing Day' to promote responsible recreational fishing practices for junior anglers.	\$450.00	Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association Inc.
Sub-Total	\$98,934.65	
Disbursements net of GST	\$1,423,675.78	

Note 3 - Proposal to fund 2013/14's approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2014/15 and beyond as applicable

Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2014/15 financial year and beyond as applicable, and other items

Project No.	DEPI Region	Project category	Proponent	Project site	Type of waters	Project duration	Proposal	Funding	Other contributions/comments
13/14/00005	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Inland	3 yr	Better Recreational Fishing Through Informed Fish Stocking (stocking an additional 1,110,000 fish over 3 years, fish surveys, development of an on-line fish stocking search engine, and captive breeding of Macquarie perch).	\$990,600.00	
13/14/00006	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Estuarine & Marine	2 yr	Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring and assessment.	\$729,000.00	
13/14/00007	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Northern	Inland	3 yr	Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program (investigate the likely cause(s) of the decline in wild trout fishing in Victoria and, where possible, improve wild trout fishing through informed fisheries management interventions).	\$565,000.00	
13/14/54	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA)	Northern	Inland	3 yr	Mitta Mitta River Habitat Rehabilitation Project- Eskdale to high water mark of Lake Hume.	\$266,981.82	Financial: \$325,000 from Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) for fish surveys, bank stabilisation works, fence and revegetation works. In-kind: NECMA project management.
13/14/27	Northern	Access & Facilities	Wannon Region Water Corporation	Northern	Inland	3 yr	Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir.	\$231,818.18	Financial: Wannon Water \$301,500 in safety upgrades and a cultural heritage project as part of the Master Plan. In-kind: Project management.
13/14/00004	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	2014/15 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations).	\$230,981.61	
13/14/61	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	King Valley Tourism Association	Northern	Inland	3 yr	Renewed Fish Habitat for both Native & Trout Fishing in King River NE Victoria.	\$190,226.82	In-kind: NECMA project management.
COM/10/11/03	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Estuarine & Marine	4 yr	Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 4 th and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$1,070,000.	\$159,200.00	Fisheries Victoria \$900,000.

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12/1309	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	East Gippsland	Inland	3 yr	Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$120,000.00	This project will complement a larger scale river restoration program funded by the Victorian Government.
12/1317	Northern	Research	Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd	Murray Darling Basin	Inland	3 yr	Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 2 nd and 3 rd year of funding. Total project funding of \$150,000.	\$105,000.00	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) \$375,000, Native Fish Strategy \$23,900, Fisheries Victoria \$36,000, Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) Fisheries \$30,000.
12/1323	State-wide	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	Marine	3 yr	Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of 'western stock' snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$263,206.	\$100,533.70	FRDC \$350,000, Fisheries Victoria \$25,000.
13/14/14	State-wide	Research	VRFish	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	Understanding the economic contribution of recreational fishing to the State of Victoria (Ernst & Young).	\$100,000.00	VRFish \$750 in labour.
13/14/56	South West	Access & Facilities	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (GHCMA)	South West	Estuarine	3 yr	Improving access to and evaluating the effectiveness of a Merri River Estuary Fish Habitat Hotspot.	\$80,181.82	Financial: Co-investment of at least \$33,000 per annum from 2014-17 from DEPI to create instream fish habitat. In-kind: DEPI \$80,000 for six recreational fishing events, the development of a promotional DVD, habitat condition monitoring and mapping of habitat condition. Warrnambool City Council \$10,500 project management. Community Volunteers \$4,000 for assistance with revegetation. Fishcare \$500 for a FishRight clinic.
COM/09/10/01	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Lake Eildon	Inland	3 yr	Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$800,000.	\$80,000.00	
COM/10/11/04	Northern	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Northern Victoria	Inland	3 yr	Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon & Gunbower systems. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$779,500.	\$77,950.00	Fisheries Victoria \$260,000.
13/14/4	Northern	Research	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA)	Northern	Inland	1 yr	Assessing the benefits of instream habitat works for fish populations in the Goulburn catchment.	\$76,000.00	Financial: GBCMA \$21,500 financial for materials and project management In-kind: GBCMA \$20,000 in-kind for riparian works, fencing, revegetation and installing stiles.

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R/10/11/02	State-wide	Research	University of Melbourne	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2 yr	Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. 2 nd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$126,000.	\$70,200.00	FRDC \$343,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$92,200 (DEPI, South Australian Research and Development Institute and recreational fishers).
13/14/40	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Northern	Inland	2 yr	Native fish habitat enhancement in the lower Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia.	\$68,727.27	Financial: GBCMA \$96,500 for habitat mapping and electrofishing survey. In-kind: Landholders \$30,000 for bank works. GBCMA \$10,000 for project management.
13/14/47	Northern	Research	The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	Northern	Inland	3 yr	Evaluating the status of the Murray crayfish recreational fishery in Victoria. The project will focus on waterways in northern Victoria where Murray crayfish are known to occur, including the Mitta Mitta, Kiewa, Ovens and Goulburn rivers.	\$65,818.18	Financial: DEPI \$30,000 to continue targeted sampling of populations in the Murray River and surrounding areas (Victoria). Complements a similar study being funded by NSW RFL Trust Account (\$190,000). In-kind: Nature Glenelg Trust and NSW Fisheries (\$15,000) in terms of gear usage (nets, field kits, water quality meters) and field assistance.
13/14/25	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Zoological Parks And Gardens Board	State-wide	State-wide	3 yr	Install a further 90 'Seal the Loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria.	\$60,000.00	In-kind: Interpretive displays, presentations and an onsite education program at Melbourne Zoo to accompany the initiative. Communication and media support.
13/14/16	South West	Access & Facilities	Fitzroy River Public Purposes Reserve	South West	Estuarine	1 yr	Fitzroy River Recreational Fishing Access Project, including the construction of an all abilities access fishing platform.	\$60,460.80	
R/10/11/03	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yr	'Fishers tracking fish' - recreational fishers 'tuning' in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. Balance of funding. Total project funding of \$221,386.	\$58,138.60	In-kind contributions: Equipment use/maintenance and angler time \$197,500.
13/14/29	South West	Access & Facilities	Surfcoast Shire	South West	Estuarine	1 yr	Putting Locals First - Construct two all abilities access fishing platforms at Spring Creek.	\$54,545.45	Financial: Surf Coast Council \$10,000 towards platform construction and \$7,000 for Cultural Heritage Management Studies. In-kind: \$1500 volunteer labour from Landcare and local angling clubs.
S&HI/10/11/05	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Native Fish Australia	Northern Victorian waters	Inland	3 yr	Establish a reliable supply of catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria's catfish recreational fishery. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$133,920.	\$52,992.00	In-kind labour contribution of \$83,500 from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and Native Fish Australia.

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13/14/52	Gippsland	Research	Charles Sturt University	Gippsland	Estuarine	1 yr	Fecundity and egg quality of dusky flathead (<i>Platycephalidae fuscus</i>) in East Gippsland, Victoria. Total project funding of 49,638.75	\$49,638.75	In-kind: Two Charles Sturt University researchers and one honours student will manage/administer the project \$16,800.
COM/10/11/02	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	2 yr	Research angler diary program for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers, Glenelg River estuary, Hopkins River estuary, North East, Corangamite, Port Phillip Bay, East Gippsland, Port Phillip & Western Port, West Gippsland & Wimmera waters. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$492,000.	\$49,200.00	
12/1304	State-wide	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute	State-wide	State-wide	3 yr	Victorian 'Fishers for Fish Habitat' Program. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$114,000.	\$45,600.00	Murray Darling Basin Authority \$5,000. In-kind contributions: Labour \$52,500 (DEPI and recreational fishers).
12/132	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Fishcare Victoria Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	3 yr	Fishcare 'Fish Right' workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total project funding of \$113,500.	\$44,200.00	In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 925 hrs @\$25 p/h = \$23,150.
12/135	South West	Research	Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc.	Lake Purrumbete and Bullen Merri	Inland	3 yr	Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. 3 rd and final year of funding. Total funding of \$115,667.	\$43,174.70	
COM/09/10/03	Port Phillip	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yr	Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$400,000.	\$40,000.00	
13/14/49	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA)	Gippsland	Estuarine	1 yr	Construct two all ability access fishing platforms and install two in-stream log structures at Tarwin River estuary, Tarraville.	\$39,440.00	\$100,000.00 over 3 years for on-ground works from the Caring for our Country project. WGCMA to provide \$5,500 in-kind for project management. The Arthur Rylah Institute to provide \$80,000 in-kind for angler engagement activities and habitat monitoring. \$5,000 in-kind to promote the project through the Victorian Fishers for Habitat program.
13/14/55	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	Harrietteville Community Forum Inc.	Northern	Inland	1 yr	Upper Ovens River In-stream Habitat Restoration Project, Harrietteville.	\$35,222.50	Harrietteville Community Forum and Alpine Fly Fishers \$1,100 in volunteer labour.

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13/14/24	Gippsland	Access & Facilities	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	Gippsland	Estuarine	2 yr	Construct an all abilities fishing platform and increase fish habitat in the Tarwin River estuary/Andersons Inlet at Tarwin Lower.	\$34,150.00	Financial: WGCMA for tree planting (\$2,400), labour costs for installing signage (\$200.00), and a further \$15,000 towards the control of spartina in Andersons Inlet. Caring for our Country project; Helping Victorian recreational fishers take action to improve fish habitat (Aug 2013-June 2016). On-ground works contribution: \$100,000.00 across 3 years throughout Victoria.
13/14/18	South West	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong and District Angling Clubs Inc. (AG&DAC)	South West	Marine	1 yr	Construct angler access stairs at Boggaley Creek, 13 km from Lorne.	\$33,720.58	AG&DAC \$1200 in volunteer labour.
L/11/12/07	State-wide	Education, Information & Training	Life Saving Victoria Ltd.	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	3 yr	Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State-wide media campaign. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$30,000.00	Life Saving Victoria Ltd will contribute \$124,300.
L11/12/03	Northern	Sustainability & Habitat Improvement	North East Catchment Management Authority	Ovens River, Wangaratta	Inland	3 yr	Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$75,000.	\$30,000.00	NECMA will contribute \$55,000 to install a rock ramp fish way and remove exotic trees.
R/08/09/02	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	3 yr	Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$300,000.	\$30,000.00	Fisheries Victoria \$80,400.
13/14/34	Northern	Access & Facilities	Coliban Region Water Corporation	Northern	Inland	1 yr	Upper Coliban Recreation Area Foreshore Access Track.	\$28,982.27	Coliban Region Water Corporation to install new steel bench seats along the track, and labor and equipment required for sign installation.
R/07/08/15	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet and the Glenelg and Hopkins rivers	Estuarine	3 yr	Evaluate and validate the utility of Research Angler Diary programs as a cost-effective monitoring and stock assessment tool for the management of small recreational fisheries in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$270,000.	\$27,000.00	Financial contributions: DEPI \$270,000; FRDC \$270,000. In-kind contributions: approx. 1,800 hrs (\$27,000) based on 360 five hour fishing trips by 12 recreational fishers. DEPI plans to contribute policy development work associated with the management of small-scale recreational fisheries over a 3 year period (\$140,000) and will supply acoustic profiling and/or electro-fishing for 20 days per year over a three year period (\$60,000).

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R/09/10/01	Gippsland	Research	University of New South Wales	Lake Tyers	Estuary	3 yr	Conduct an eastern king prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$232,947.	\$23,294.45	University of New South Wales \$17,950.
COM/12/13/01	State-wide	Commissioning Grant	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	Produce and distribute recreational fishing related education products during 2013/14 such as the recreational fishing guide, fish length ruler stickers, etc. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$224,916.70.	\$22,491.67	
13/14/41	South West	Research	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA)	South West	Inland	1 yr	Gellibrand River blackfish population assessment.	\$22,147.27	CCMA \$10,000 for project management.
L/11/12/13	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Port Phillip Bay	Marine	2 yr	Define the spawning needs of calamari in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$199,078.	\$19,907.80	
12/1337	State-wide	Research	Monash University	State-wide	Inland	2 yr	Growing the success of Macquarie perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. 2 nd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$58,510.	\$19,351.00	Monash University \$129,500.
L/11/12/04	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Kerang Lakes	Inland	3 yr	Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$162,500.	\$16,250.00	In-kind contribution: Goulburn Murray Water will provide \$102,000 in equipment use, risk assessment and signage.
SH&I/09/10/07	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA)	Lower Loddon River	Inland	2 yr	Increase fish habitat in the lower Loddon River, Macoma main channel to Kerang Weir and lower Pyramid Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$150,100.	\$15,010.00	NCCMA \$205,000.
L/11/12/01	South West	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	South West	Inland	3 yr	Create a new estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$150,000.	\$15,000.00	Grant recipient will provide \$200,000 for collection of estuary perch brood stock, assessment of suitable waters, and success of stocking.
R/10/11/06	State-wide	Research	South Australian Research Development Institute	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2 yr	Innovative ways to ensure the future sustainability of the recreational fishery for shortfin makos in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$130,910.	\$13,091.00	In-kind contribution: Equipment & satellite tagging of sharks \$4,000, Labour \$20,682.
13/14/19	Port Phillip & Western Port	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong and District Angling Clubs Inc.	Port Phillip & Western Port	Marine	1 yr	Install a solar light above the Swan Bay boat ramp.	\$11,677.00	AG&DAC \$600 in volunteer labour.

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13/14/35	Port Phillip & Western Port	Access & Facilities	Association of Geelong and District Angling Clubs Inc.	Port Phillip & Western Port	Marine	1 yr	Install a solar light above the Clifton Springs boat ramp.	\$11,677.00	AG&DAC \$500 in volunteer labour.
L/11/12/02	Gippsland	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Nicholson River	Inland	3 yr	Establish a new Australian bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. 3 rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of \$100,000.	\$10,000.00	Grant recipient will provide \$100,000 for access improvements, fish monitoring and promotion.
L/13/14/99	Port Phillip	Research	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	Corio Bay	Marine	1 yr	Quantifying the recreational catch and effort from the Corio Bay region of Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding.	\$8,000.00	
L/11/12/06	State-wide	Research	Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies - University of Tasmania	Victorian coastal waters	Marine	2 yr	Assess the post-release survival of southern bluefin tuna from recreational fishing (Tasmania and Victoria). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$69,460.	\$6,946.00	University of Tasmania has secured \$69,460 via a Tasmanian Fishwise Community Grant.
SG/200	Northern	Small Grant	Nathalia Angling Club	Nathalia	Inland	1 day	Conduct a 'Family Come and Try Fishing Day'.	\$5,500.00	
SG/211	Port Phillip	Small Grant	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers	Lilydale	Inland	1 day	Conduct a 'Community Fishing Festival'.	\$5,020.00	
12/1311	Northern	Sustainability and Habitat Improvement	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Northern	Inland	1 yr	Broken River Weir (Broken River) Fish Migration Initiative (Feasibility and Design phase). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$45,000.	\$4,500.00	GBCMA \$120,000 (includes stage 2 – construction). In-kind contributions: Volunteer labour 800 hrs @ \$25/hr = \$20,000 (includes stage 2 – construction).
SG/209	Gippsland	Small Grant	Port Franklin Tennis Club	Port Franklin	Estuarine	1 day	Conduct a 'Junior Fishing Experience'.	\$4,000.00	
12/1346	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	VRFish	State-wide	Marine	1 yr.	Conduct a communications campaign to reduce released snapper mortality in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$38,800.	\$3,880.00	
SG/184	Northern	Small Grant	Underra Angling Club	Mooroopna	Inland	1 day	Conduct a 'Family Fishing Day'.	\$2,980.00	
L/11/12/16	Northern	Access & Facilities	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Lower Goulburn River, Shepparton	Inland	1 yr	Improve recreational fisher access and facilities along the Goulburn River, Shepparton. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$25,000.	\$2,500.00	GBCMA is contributing \$15,000. Parks Victoria will contribute \$35,000 to install bollards and regrade the car park.
12/1335	Port Phillip	Education, Information and Training	City of Melbourne	Docklands	Estuary	1 yr	Develop the Docklands Recreational Fishing Strategy. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$22,000.	\$2,200.00	

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L/11/12/08	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	Produce & distribute a 'Victorian Fishing Trail' brochure for the seasoned recreational fisher. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$11,900.	\$1,190.00	
L/11/12/11	State-wide	Education, Information and Training	Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	Produce and distribute a 'Kayak fishing in Victoria' educational brochure. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of \$10,095.	\$1,009.50	
SG/205	Northern	Small Grant	Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club	Howqua	Inland	1 day	Conduct a 'Come and Try Fishing Weekend'.	\$400.00	
Sub-total								\$5,402,707.74	

Other items

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Not applicable	State-wide	Not applicable	Fishcare Victoria Inc.	State-wide	State-wide	1 yr	2013/14 Core funding. Total project funding of \$200,000.	\$20,000.00	Nil financial contributions.
Sub-total								\$20,000.00	
Sub-total								\$5,422,707.74	

Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed

Proposal	Funding
	\$15,611.63 Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers.
Sub-total	\$15,611.63
Sub-total	\$5,438,319.37

Proposal to fund 2013/14's approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects and emerging recreational fisheries issues in 2014/15

Proposal	Funding
	\$90,335.64
Total	\$5,528,655.01
Balance remaining	\$0.00

Note 4 - Cash assets

Cash as at 30 June 2014 of \$5,528,655.01 shown in the financial statement includes \$2,500,000 which has been invested pursuant to Section 151B(5) *Fisheries Act 1995*.

Statutory Certification

I certify the attached Financial Report for the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account has been prepared in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

I further state that, in my opinion, the information set out in the Receipts & Disbursements Report and notes to the financial report, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2014.

I am not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars included in the financial report to be misleading or inaccurate.



Brian Mottram
Manager Recreational Fishing Improvements
Fisheries Victoria
04/09/14

Independent Audit Report from Auditor-General

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Secretary, Department of Environment and Primary Industries

The Financial Report

The accompanying financial report for the year ended 30 June 2014, being a special purpose financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account which comprises the receipts and disbursements report, a statement of accounting policies, other explanatory information, and the statutory certification has been audited.

The Secretary's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, and for such internal control as the Secretary determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Secretary has determined that the financial report is appropriate to the needs of the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Secretary, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditing in the Public Interest

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Independence

The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit, the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts into and disbursements from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for the year ended 30 June 2014 in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for the year ended 30 June 2014 included both in the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account's annual report and on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' website. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries is responsible for the integrity of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information contained in the website version of the financial report.

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8 September 2014



John Doyle
Auditor-General

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