

## Fisheries (Roach and Tench Catch Limit) Notice 2022

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

I have decided to implement the Fisheries (Roach and Tench Catch Limit) Notice 2022 after undertaking consultation in accordance with Section 3A of the Fisheries Act 1995.

Roach and tench are introduced species and as there is currently no specified recreational catch and possession limit in Victoria's *Fisheries Regulations 2019* for the species, there is a default limit of 5.

The Fisheries (Roach and Tench Catch Limit) Notice 2022 formalises no limit on the take and possession of both species and will provide consistency in our approach with the management of other introduced species such as redfin, until such time as these arrangements can be enacted via amendment to regulations.

These species are regularly taken by anglers, and the removal of the limits will further encourage take to the benefit of key recreational target species that share the same waterways. The Victorian Fisheries Authority will continue working with stakeholders to improve and ensure access to Victoria's recreational fisheries.

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**Travis Dowling**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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