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Local Input Needed on Freshwater Fish Stocking

Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper, has called for local anglers and fishing clubs and hatchery operators to contribute to the draft management plan for the future of fresh water stocking in NSW. Local waterways have benefited from stocking programs, and Mr Draper is keen to see the local area remains on the Government's priority list.

"The State Government is supporting sustainable fishing in inland waterways," Mr Draper said.

"The Peel River, Chaffey Dam, Lake Keepit and Split Rock Dam have all benefited from restocking programs, and I would encourage those directly involved in the industry to participate in the consultative process."

"Planning put in place today will benefit the future generations of anglers, and it is very important that management plans for the local area are included in any long-term state wide strategy."

The Draft Strategy can be viewed at www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au . Submissions must be made by December 19th 2003, and either faxed to 02 9527 8576, sent by email to fishstocking@fisheries.nsw.gov.au , or mailed to PO Box 21, Cronulla, NSW, 2230.

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