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To: RRAT, Committee (SEN)

Subject: National Animal Welfare Bill 2005

As an avid group of recreational anglers we feel this bill would infringe on our basic indigenous right to hunt and also make a sporting decision to release any species or numbers of fish we feel would be required to continue the viability of that species and/or provide us with our recreation (except feral species where law dictates their non return) UNLESS the bill is amended to specifically mention lawful sportfishing and clearly defines acceptable sportfishing methods and uses so this bill cannot be used in future to ban recreational fishing.

What incentive would there be for the current large numbers of anglers who dedicate their time to improving waterways and foreshores repairing the damage of past government policy plus the restocking of native freshwater fish within NSW to continue this work if they are then not allowed to enjoy the benefits by practicing an art which has been carried out for millennium. All the good work that has been completed since the re-introduction of fishing licenses would not be ongoing.