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IDENTIFICATION OF 'PREMIER SITES' FOR FAMILY FISHING

The Chairman of Victoria's Recreational Fishing Peak Body (VRFish), Bob Pearce, today congratulated the Bracks' Government for its strong support for Recreational Fishing in the selection of 'Premier Sites' for fish stocking. "The Government has clearly recognised that Recreational Fishing provides substantial social and economic benefits throughout Victoria".

The sites identified for premium stocking are excellent areas to enable Victorian families to enjoy both Recreational Fishing and other family related activities concurrently. Mr Pearce said that because each of the chosen areas will be well stocked with fish, a substantial opportunity has been provided for family based fishing, with a high expectation of catching some fish, within range of other desirable family based amenities.

"Also, the sites selected will enable both Victorian Provincial and Melbourne based families to participate in excellent Recreational Fishing opportunities, as even the regional sites chosen are within convenient proximity to metropolitan Melbourne. "VRFish encourages families to take advantage of this great opportunity to give Recreational Fishing a try", said Mr Pearce.

Mr Pearce also pointed out that the Recreational Fishing industry is vast and supports substantial, important kindred industries such as boat manufacture, tourism and other industry sectors. "Many thousands of Victorian jobs are created as a direct consequence of recreational fishing activity".

Premier sites selected by the government for regular fish stocking are as follows:

- Eildon Pondage
- Lilydale Lake
- Kennington Reservoir (Bendigo)
- Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)
- Hyland Lake (Churchill)

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