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## GO FISHING IN VICTORIAN 'PREMIER RIVERS'

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 Rivers' for promotion and development.

"The Government has clearly recognised that Recreational Fishing provides substantial social and economic benefits throughout Victoria" he said.

The premier rivers identified are excellent areas for developing and experienced anglers to fish. The first river will be launched in 2008 and the final two in the following years.

The river stretches have been selected in consideration of their location within the State, high recreational angling value, suitable areas for access to the river and the species of fish that anglers are likely to catch.

Premier rivers selected by the government are:

- **Hopkins River** (estuarine fishery between Warrnambool and Allansford)
- **Goulburn River** (cold water salmonid fishery between Eildon and Alexandra) and (warm water native fishery from Murchison to above Shepparton)
- **Kiewa River** (section between Mount Beauty and junction with Murray River)

"VRFish looks forward to working with the Department of Primary Industries and other key stakeholders in the ongoing development of recreational fishing opportunities on these iconic Victorian waterways."

These stockings are part of the Government's \$3.2 million 'Go Fishing in Victoria' initiative.

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