

# Community Native Fish Stocking grants program - inland native fish

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#### About the Program

The community native fish stocking grants program provides two dollars in funds for every one dollar in funds raised by the community to stock native fish, to boost local recreational fish stocks. Stocking groups may apply to stock Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod on a two dollar for one dollar basis. Key objectives of the program are to:

- 1.Support local communities in the stocking of high value native fish to enhance our valuable state-wide recreational fishing assets;
- 2.Boost regional and rural growth, investment and tourism;
- 3.Strengthen social and community participation, to enhance the cohesion and well-being of communities
- 4.Create aquaculture business and job opportunities

#### Grant Program Name

This field is read only.

The program this submission is in.

#### Instructions for Applicants

Applicants must complete the application in sequence. Before completing this application form, you should have read the [program guidelines](#), to ensure you understand program requirements. You will receive a confirmation email to acknowledge your application has been received. This is an automated response from the NSW Government Grants and Funding Portal. Look for an email from [service@smartygrants.com.au](mailto:service@smartygrants.com.au). You may need to check your junk mail. Do not reply to this email.

#### Application Number

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#### Disclaimer

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By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected;
- it has read the funding guidelines and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

**I agree \***

☐ Yes

## Use of Information

In completing this application you will be prompted to provide personal information (such as your name, email, residential address and telephone number). This information must be provided by the applicant, or if provided by another individual, you must have authorisation from the applicant to provide their personal information. You must provide this information, otherwise the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development ("the Department") will be unable to issue you with advice in relation to project application.

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the individual/organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (e.g. private hatcheries), as part of the administration of this application;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act);
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

**I agree \***

☐ Yes

## Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges that:

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- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy>);
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

### **I agree \***

☐ Yes

## Insurance and Liability

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- it should ensure that it holds all appropriate insurances to carry out the Fish Stocking Event (the event at which fish stock purchased from a fish hatchery accredited under the Hatchery Quality Assurance Scheme are stocked);
- it carries out the Fish Stocking Event at its own risk and will manage any risks and liabilities arising out of this Program (community native fish stocking grants program);
- to the extent permitted by law, the Department excludes all liability which may arise in relation to this Program.

### **I have considered all relevant insurances and understand risks and liabilities surrounding this Program \***

☐ Noted

## Conflict of Interest Declaration

Please complete the conflict of interest declaration below. If the applicant is aware of anything relating to this grant application that may cause an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest, select "yes" and provide details of the identified conflict of interest. An example might be a proposal to stock fish in waters adjacent to a public reserve located on a street where the applicant owns land. Providing information about grounds for a conflict of interest does not generally affect a project's eligibility to receive grant funding under the program. However, it is important to ensure that information about possible conflicts are recorded to enable appropriate management and response.

### **Is / are there any actual, perceived or potential conflict(s) of interest associated with this application? \***

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- ☐ Yes (you must provide details below)  
☐ No

### **Provide further details relating to any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest**

### **Attach any information relating to the above information**

Attach a file:

## Eligibility Confirmation

### **Please declare the applicant and this application meets the Program eligibility criteria:**

- The application will be completed in its entirety and is being submitted prior to the closing date;
- The applicant is a grassroots not-for-profit community group (e.g. a fishing club), an individual or a NSW council / Local Government Authority
- The application has been prepared by and is being submitted by an eligible applicant;
- The applicant is not submitting more than one application per funding round;
- The applicant is offering between \$2,000 and \$6,000 in contributory funding;
- The applicant will act under the authority of a fish stocking permit issued by the Department;
- Fish to be stocked are to be purchased from a HQAS accredited fish hatchery.

### **I confirm, to my knowledge, that the applicant and application is eligible according to the criteria outlined above \***

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Ineligibility Criteria

### **Please declare the applicant and this application is not ineligible for this program**

- State or Federal Government departments, agencies or committees;
- For profit, commercial organisations / ventures / businesses that may or will realise a financial gain from the program;
- Projects which are not based in NSW waters;
- Proposals to stock fish in private waters (e.g. farm dams) or waters which are not publicly accessible;
- Applications to stock species other than Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod.

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**I confirm, to my knowledge, that the applicant and application is not ineligible according to the criteria outlined above \***

☐ Acknowledged

## Contact Details

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**Applicant Primary Address** must be a valid street address and must include a street name, number and locality name. **Applicant Website** leave cell blank if you do not have a website. **Primary Contact Other Phone Number** leave cell blank if inapplicable

## Applicant Details

**Applicant \***

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

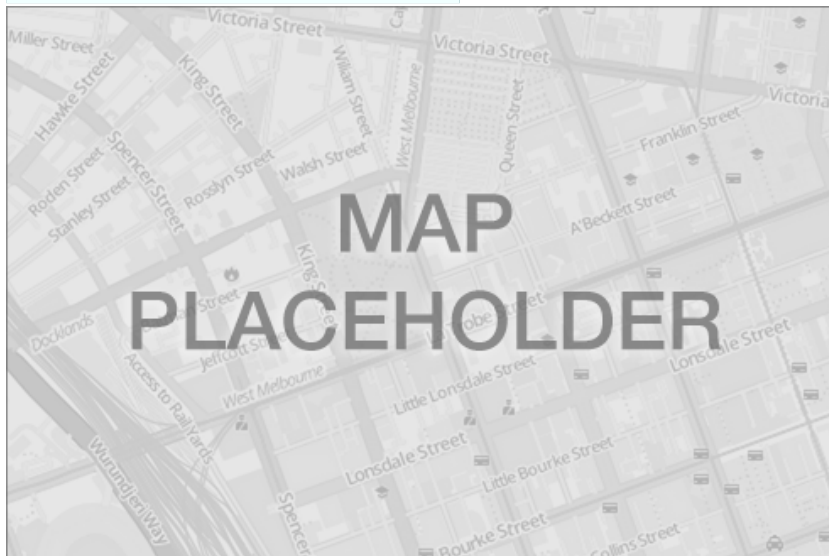
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For organisations: please use the organisations full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

**Applicant Primary Address**

Address

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### Applicant Postal Address

Address


### Applicant Primary Phone Number \*

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

### Applicant Email Address \*

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Must be an email address.

### Applicant Website

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Must be a URL.

## Primary Contact Details

### Primary Contact \*

Title First Name Last Name

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This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

### Primary Contact Position \*

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e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

### Primary Contact Phone Number \*

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

### Primary Contact Other Phone Number

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

### Primary Contact Email \*

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This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

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### Applicant Organisation Details

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**Please detail the primary activities of the applicant organisation. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

**Does the applicant organisation have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? \***

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Applicant Organisation ABN \***

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	<a href="#">More information</a>
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

### Program Details

\* indicates a required field

This section asks for information or details about the project you are submitting for funding. In the **Title** section below use the name of your stocking group (e.g. Joe's Fishing Club / Big River Shire Council) , if not affiliated with a fishing group write "Individual Fisher".

In the **Brief description** section below, an example of who will benefit from this initiative is "recreational fishers", an example of what activities you will do is "stock native fish into a local waterway", an example of what outcomes you expect from your activities is "improved recreational fishing opportunities". The **Anticipated start date** is when this application

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is submitted. The **Anticipated end date** is when this project is completed, e.g. Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod are generally stocked in late spring to early autumn. The **Primary location of your initiative** is where "you" are based. This is **NOT** where you provide your fish stocking site details (provided under the section titled "**Fish Stocking Sites**").

### Title \*

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.

Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

### Brief description \*

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

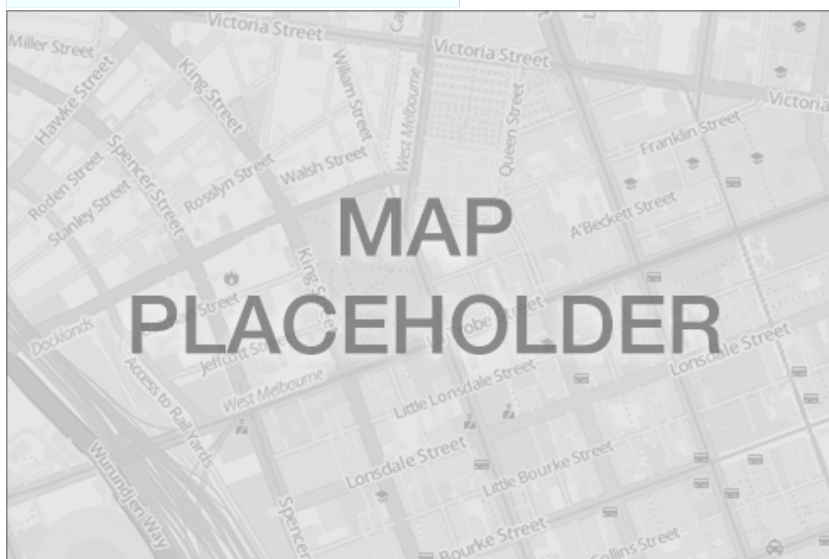
Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

### Anticipated start date \*

### Anticipated end date \*

### Primary location of your initiative

Address

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Any, but at least one field is required.

Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state, etc. If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

## Project Focus

### What are the primary areas of focus for this project/program? \*

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You may select up to five items. You can select items from any area of the list – all have equal value. Only select sub-categories if you want to be more specific. In this question we want to know about the field of work (e.g. arts, sport, health), rather than the types of people it will affect (e.g. young people, refugees).

### Who are the expected primary beneficiaries of this project/program? \*

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Please choose only the group/s that are at the very core of this project/program. If your initiative is open to everyone, choose the first item, Universal – no particularly targeted beneficiaries

### Please provide a short rationale for your project. \*

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Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Explain why your initiative is needed, and why you believe the activities you propose will produce the outcomes you seek. For example, "To boost native recreational fish stocks in local waterways to increase fishing opportunity and amenity for local and visiting fishers".

## Fish Stocking Sites

**General** Please include only one stocking site per row. If you plan to stock fish at more than one site click "Add more" instead of the "+" or "-" symbols."

**Site ID** The Site ID be found on a previous Fish Stocking Verification (FSV) form (in a previous fish stocking permit), if you have previously been involved in the program. This field can be left blank if you have not previously been involved in the program, do not know your Site ID or wish to nominate a different site.

**Waterway** The dam / river /stream where you plan to stock fish.

**Stocking site** You can refer to the [DPI Angler Access map](#) for a map of public fishing spots.

1. Go to [Google maps](#).
2. Zoom in and pan to your selected fish stocking site.
3. Left click on the map at the actual site of fish release.

### Latitude and longitude

1. At the actual site of fish release an information box will appear at the bottom of the page that displays site coordinates.
2. Click on the coordinates to copy or write down both numbers with at least five decimal points. e.g. latitude -36.27720, longitude 148.11440.

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3.If using a mobile device, press and hold the screen to select location, latitude and longitude will be displayed, the coordinates can copied to the clipboard for pasting into relevant application fields.

4.Insert coordinates into the latitude and longitude columns in the table below.

**Locality**The nearest town / place / settlement to the fish stocking site.

Site ID (if applicable)	Waterway	Stocking site	Latitude	Longitude	Locality
Refer to previous fish stocking verification form (if relevant)	Name of dam/river/stream to be stocked	Nearest landmark (e.g. boat ramp, dam/weir, reserve name, bridge/ford crossing, cross street, river/stream junction)	See information above for location sites. Must be a number.	See information above for location sites. Must be a number.	Nearest town, village, district etc. to the stocking site

## Stakeholder

Please detail stakeholders which may be interested or are involved in your project. Explain their interest or how they will be involved in the activity. Explain how you will engage with that stakeholder. Please include only one stakeholder per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional stakeholders.

Stakeholder	Interest or involvement	Engagement strategy
Stakeholders may be a fish hatchery, a fishing club, a local council, community members, local businesses, local or visiting fishers etc.	Please explain the stakeholder's interest in the outcomes of the project, or how they may be involved. For example, a fish hatchery will be involved in the breeding and supply of native fish species for stock enrichment, a fishing club may be interested as the activity provides more native recreational fish species to enhance fishing club outcomes etc.	Please explain how you will reach out to the stakeholder during the life of the project. For example, your engagement strategy for a fish hatchery may be to liaise with the hatchery for the ordering and supply of native fish for stocking. Your engagement strategy for a fishing club may be to communicate your interest to stock native fish with club members to improve local fisheries etc.

## Risks and Dependencies

The applicant must undertake it's own assessment of risks associated with the Fish Stocking Event. This section seeks to understand how the applicant has identified and developed strategies to manage project specific risks. The answer only needs to identify the most significant project specific risks, not be inclusive of all/minor risks. Please include only one risk/issue per row. Click the + button to add additional rows. Include the risk in the left hand column and the corresponding risk management strategy in the right hand column. Please refer to the [safe transport of fish and stocking code of practice](#) for more information. If the funding application is approved, a fish stocking safety checklist (which identifies potential

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risks for loading and delivering of fish for stocking) will be provided with your Fish Stocking Permit.

### Risk or dependency description

### How the risk or dependency will be managed

For example, environmental conditions (water quality etc.), transport of fish (temperature, oxygen etc.), fish release methods (fish acclimatisation etc.), potential safety issues (load, vehicle, site constraints, climate etc.).	You should provide an explanation of how you will prevent or treat the risk or dependency. For example, environmental conditions - choose suitable release site(s) with good quality water, cover, shade and habitat etc.; transport of fish - ensure fish are kept at stable temperatures with a good supply of oxygen etc.; fish release methods - ensure fish are acclimated to local conditions prior to release etc.; potential safety issues - apply proper lifting techniques, manage driver fatigue, select suitable vehicle for task, be mindful of slippery / unstable banks, ensure first aid, food and drink provisions are available, wear suitable clothing etc.).

## Project Linkages

The community native fish stocking grants program value adds to and links with a range of other Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects which are helping to improve recreational fishing in NSW. This program, through the release of endemic native fish species into public waters, helps ensure native fish stock is available for: a healthy fishing future (Come Fish with Us); the utilisation of accessible fishing facilities (Fishing access and facilities) and the enjoyment of community fishery resources (Gone Fishing Day). This program can also help introduce new fishers to a lifelong interest in safe and responsible fishing (Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish) and help develop a sense for stewardship amongst recreational fishers (Fish For Life). This program contributes to hatchery of origin fish sampling studies (FishGen) and compliments and partners the Government's state-wide stocking program (Enhanced fish production) to sustain and build our valuable recreational fishing assets.

- 1.[Come Fish with Us](#)
- 2.[Fishing access and facilities](#)
- 3.[Gone Fishing Day](#)
- 4.[Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish](#)
- 5.[Fish For Life](#)
- 6.[FishGen](#)
- 7.[Enhanced fish production](#)

### If other type here

Please list any other funded projects which may relate to this program

## Project Milestones and Key Deliverables

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The administrative stages expected to be completed as part of the project are outlined below. These activities are completed during the project lifecycle which runs over the financial year.

- 1.Fish stocking application submission (individual/group)
- 2.Fish stocking application assessment (DPIRD)
- 3.Order for fish stock confirmed with hatchery (individual/group & hatchery)
- 4.Hatchery purchase order submitted (individual/group)
- 5.Fish stocking permit issued (DPIRD)
- 6.Fish stock supplied (hatchery & individual/group)
- 7.Payment to hatchery for fish supply on receipt of invoice (hatchery & individual/group, hatchery & DPIRD) (pending)
- 8.Fish stocking completed (individual/group)
- 9.Fish stocking records submitted (individual/group)

**I agree to undertake the project milestones and key deliverables for the project. \***

☐ Yes

## Budget

\* indicates a required field

### Income

In "**Your Contribution (Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod funds)**", enter the amount of funds "YOU" are providing to stock fish. This figure must be between \$2,000 and \$6,000. If you do not wish to stock a particular species type "0" into the cell next to that species.

The "**Total Amount Requested**" is the amount of funding sought from the DPIRD for the project (twice the amount of funds that you are contributing to the project).

The "**Total Project Cost**" is the total value of the project that is the subject of this application.

Example: If under "**Your Contribution (Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod funds)**" you are providing \$2,000 to stock fish, then the "**Total Amount Requested**" will be \$4,000 and the "**Total Project Cost**" will be \$6,000. If your application is approved, the hatchery will prepare an order to supply \$6,000 worth of fish for stocking.

All amounts are inclusive of GST.

**Your Contribution (Golden Perch funds) \***

Enter 0 if not applicable. Click "Save Progress" immediately after listing your funding amount.

**Your Contribution (Murray Cod funds) \***

Enter 0 if not applicable. Click "Save Progress" immediately after listing your funding amount.

**Golden Perch Trust funds (\$2 for \$1 ratio)**

**Murray Cod Trust funds (\$2 for \$1 ratio)**

**Golden Perch Total funds (group funds + Trust funds)**

**Murray Cod Total funds (group funds + Trust funds)**

This number/amount is calculated.

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### Total Amount Requested

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The total financial support requested under this grant.

### Total Project Cost \*

The total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project.

### Co-contribution % \*

Percentage applicant contribution to Total Amount Requested.

## Expenditure

Funds provided by the applicant are used to buy fish for stocking, as a co-contribution towards the stocking event.

Expenditure description	Expenditure type	Expenditure amount (inc. GST)
Please insert "Purchase of fish"		This number/amount is calculated.
	Project and Production	\$

## Outcomes & Metrics

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### Your outcomes

Please tell us about the outcomes you expect to result from your project. Outcomes are the changes you expect to occur for the beneficiaries (direct, indirect and/or intermediaries) of your project. Generally, outcomes can be framed as an increase or decrease in one or more of the following:

- Skills, knowledge, confidence, aspiration, motivation (these are generally immediate or short-term outcomes)
- Actions, behaviour, change in policy (these are generally intermediate or medium-term outcomes)
- Social, financial, environmental, physical conditions (these are generally long-term outcomes)

**Please tell us about the outcomes and activities you expect to result from your project.**

**How do you plan to determine whether intended outcomes and activities are being realised?**

**What changes do you expect to occur as a result of your project?**

What do you aim to achieve from this project? For example, "Release native fish into public waters"	How will you measure your achievements? For example, "Better fishing results"	(e.g. environmental, financial, social). For instance, "Improved aquatic biodiversity, increased tourism, greater community participation"

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### Your metric

Metrics help us measure progress towards an outcome to quantify the extent to which it is occurring and to gauge and compare the result. The following activity metrics and targets relate to the project. You will add other metrics intrinsic to the program (e.g. number of species stocked, number of fish stocked) to your fish stocking verification form, which is submitted post stocking. Type in any additional metrics or targets within the "Explanatory notes" field.

Activity Metric	Target	Explanatory notes
One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional metrics.	Identify a target for the metric you have chosen. Must be a number.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

### Qualitative evidence

Qualitative evidence is a descriptive rather than numeric form of evidence designed to indicate whether or not progress towards an outcome is occurring. Qualitative evidence can be used to record the progress and success of the fish stocking event. Examples of qualitative data sources include social media posts, media appearances/mentions (e.g. newspaper, television, magazine) and artistic or multimedia depictions such as photographs, videos and audio/podcasts. Note that the DPIRD will distribute a community survey to groups participating in the program at the completion of the fish stocking season. Groups are invited to provide feedback on the program at this time via the survey.

Qualitative evidence	Explanatory notes
Select the type of qualitative evidence which can be used for your project. One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional types of qualitative evidence.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

### Photograph Release and Licence

You will have an opportunity to submit qualitative evidence about the stocking activity e.g. video's, photographs etc. with your "Fish stocking verification form" (submitted once the stocking event has been completed). If you choose to submit fish stocking photographs, you grant to the Department a licence to use such photographs for promotional and educational purposes, including for use in department publications, education materials, online, social and news media, and annual reports. In such instances you must obtain consents from the people in the photograph to allow the Department to use the photographs, images or video footage taken of participants at fish stocking events noting that the images could be used in departmental publications, including education materials, online, social and news media, annual reports etc. For children under 16 you must obtain a written consent from the child's parent or guardian. In such situations, you must ensure that all people who provide consents are aware of the Department's name and address.

#### Acknowledged \*

☐ Yes

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### Declaration and Authorisation

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#### Declaration

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid.

#### Authorisation

**I agree \***

☐ Yes

**Name of authorised person \***

Title First Name Last Name

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Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

**Position \***

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Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

**Phone number \***

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Must be an Australian phone number.  
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

**Email \***

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Must be an email address.

#### Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

**How did you find the online application process?**

☐ Very easy ☐ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

**How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?**

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Estimate in minutes i.e. 45

**Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.**