

WELLINGTON DAM — FISHING AND RECREATION HUB

7. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Fisheries:

I refer to the Liberal Party's election promise that, if re-elected, a Liberal government will create a fishing and recreation hub at Wellington Dam by providing funding to enable restocking of the dam with species such as rainbow and brown trout or black bream.

- (1) What species and quantity of fish have been restocked?
- (2) What is the quantum of funding so far allocated to this promise?
- (3) When will the project be completed?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(3) No fish have been stocked to date. The quantity of fish stocked will depend on the species selected and the carrying capacity of the system. It is important to select species that will not only thrive in the dam itself, but also maximise community and tourism benefits within the region. The Department of Fisheries is currently working with Recfishwest to identify appropriate species and quantity of fish to ensure the success of this important undertaking. The project will be completed this term. I have met with Recfishwest and it is certainly working on that.