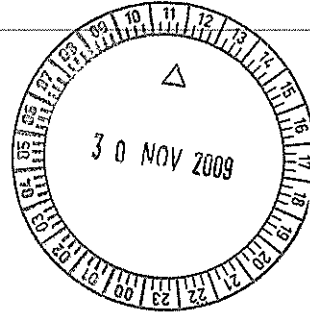


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Stephenson, Cassandra

From: Doohan, Matthew
Sent: Sunday, 29 November 2009 4:51 PM
To: Stephenson, Cassandra
Subject: Access to water supply dams for fishing.



To The Committee,

My name is Matthew Doohan and I reside at _____ . I'd like to register my support for access to public drinking water catchments for the purpose of fishing.

I Believe in a time when the sustainability of marine fish stocks are coming under increased pressure from recreational and commercial fishing, alternatives such as the stocking of drinking water supply dams to be an option in ensuring the health of our marine fish stocks. As a resident of a South Eastern suburb a short drive from several water supply dams, I would be very happy to spend more time freshwater fishing closer to home, rather than having to drive further to ocean fishing locations. I would be willing to adhere to strict guidelines or rules for an opportunity to fish these dams, including the use of only artificial lures, possible closed seasons, adhering to size limits and purchasing a license to fish these waters.

I also think that opening up these dams to fishing would give local businesses an economic boost with more people travelling to the area to fish them. Opening up the drinking water supply dams would also take pressure off existing recreational use dams, so limited number of open dams would not be seeing the same amount of people pressure, allowing fish and marron stocks to sustain themselves more easily.

Many Eastern States water catchments are open to fishing, providing tourist opportunities for anglers. Why can we not have the same thing here in Western Australia?

Thankyou for your consideration.

Regards,

Matthew Doohan