



# Media release

## **The Hon Peter Walsh MP**

Minister for Agriculture and Food Security  
Minister for Water

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## **Restocking hooks anglers more rainbow, brown trout**

More than 187,000 trout have been stocked into formerly drought-affected lakes and reservoirs across Victoria, thanks in part to \$231,000 from fishing licence revenue.

Ballarat's Lake Wendouree received the majority of 90,000 rainbow trout fry stocked in November while another 75,000 brown trout fry will be released into waterways around the state this month.

Peter Walsh, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, and responsible for fisheries, said a large number of small trout had been sourced at short notice from the Department of Primary Industries' own hatchery at Snobs Creek and other private trout hatcheries in northeast Victoria.

"We have been fortunate to find so many trout available, given few growers had anticipated such a wet season after many years of lower than average rainfall," Mr Walsh said.

"To have so many lakes fill with water in one year, and to stock them so quickly, exceeded most freshwater anglers' expectations."

Mr Walsh said anglers could look forward to improved fishing over the next few years with an increase in funding under the Coalition Government.

"The Baillieu-Ryan Government has committed to returning all the revenue raised from the sale of recreational fishing licences to the industry for infrastructure works, stocking and education programs," Mr Walsh said.

"In addition, we will increase funding to the industry by \$4 million over the next four years."

Other stockings into recovering waters include:

- 4,000 into Greenhill Lake, near Ararat, and 2,000 into Lake Beaufort
- 15,000 into Cairn Curran Reservoir near Maldon
- 3,000 into Teddington (Top) Reservoir and 1,500 in Teddington (Bottom) Reservoir
- 10,000 into Hepburn Lagoon and 7,000 into Newlyn Reservoir
- 2,000 into Deep Lake at Derrinallum
- 4,000 into Barkers Creek Reservoir, Harcourt, in addition to 1,000 stocked in June
- 10,000 into Rocklands Reservoir, Balmoral, in addition to 5,000 stocked in July
- 10,000 into Tullaroop Reservoir, Carisbrook

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- 10,000 into Tooliorook Lake, Lismore
- 5,000 into Bostock Reservoir at Ballan
- 5,000 into Lake Bolac
- 4,000 into Batyo Catyo Lake at Rich Avon
- 5,000 into Lake Burrumbeet, near Ballarat

Fisheries Victoria executive director Anthony Hurst said while the trout stocking season was drawing to a close, preparations were underway for the beginning of native fish stocking season.

“Several recovering lakes will receive Murray cod and golden perch this summer, so it’s an exciting time now the rain has finally come,” Mr Hurst said.

For more about fish stocking visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing)

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