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IMPROVED ACCESS FOR TROUT ANGLERS IN THE NORTH EAST

Local and visiting anglers heading towards some of North East Victoria's most productive trout fisheries will soon find approaching the rivers a whole lot easier.

Fisheries Victoria Executive Director Anthony Hurst said more than \$67,000 had recently been provided from the Enhanced Recreational Fishing Program for important access work.

"The funding will allow the Australian Trout Foundation to deliver access improvement projects on stretches of the Delatite, Howqua and King rivers," Mr Hurst said.

"The Delatite received \$22,550 and the focus will be on the stretch between Pinnacle Valley and Mirimbah.

"The Howqua River between the Six Mile and Eight Mile Flats has received \$20,950.

"The King River has attracted \$23,650 for works to improve access between the Pineapple and King Hut Flats.

"The three rivers are highly regarded as recreational fisheries for self-sustaining populations of brown trout."

The projects involve working with land managers to:

- clear works and spray to remove noxious weeds and vegetation;
- create individual river access points and fishing areas as part of the clearing activities;
- install at least 15 'totem' signs along each of the three river stretches to alert anglers to these new access points; and
- place a large interpretive sign at a single main location promoting recreational fishing in the region and outlining these access points.

"These projects will significantly improve the recreational fishing experience for all freshwater anglers accessing these streams," Mr Hurst said.

For more information about access improvements or the \$13.5 million Enhanced Recreational Fishing Program, visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/enhancedfishing or ring the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

(Photographs of brown trout fishing available to media upon request)

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