

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**No. 394**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 28 March 2006**

**MS LEE LONG** asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

**QUESTION:**

With reference to his department which is currently undertaking a review that has already led to a ban on the restocking of redclaw in Lake Tinaroo and to barramundi which are also targeted by this same review—

Is the barramundi stocking program also likely to be banned in Lake Tinaroo and any other fresh water dam or lake in Queensland?

**ANSWER:**

Redclaw have the capacity to reproduce in freshwater dams and can establish viable populations in dams and lakes such as Tinaroo without the need for an ongoing stocking program.

The decision to discontinue stocking of redclaw in Lake Tinaroo and remove bag limits on redclaw in the lake was made in 2002 because the lake is outside of the natural range of redclaw.

The decision was subject to a period of public consultation and received endorsement from the Freshwater Management Advisory Committee, which includes representation from recreational anglers and community fish stocking groups.

There has not been a decision made to ban the stocking of barramundi in Lake Tinaroo.