

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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MS JARRATT asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

How will recently announced funding grants benefit recreational fishers in Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Recreational Fisheries Grants Program provides funding to community groups to undertake projects to develop, restore and/or enhance recreational fisheries across Queensland.

The main aim of the program is to foster a sense of public ownership and responsibility in the development of recreational fisheries resources. In some cases, projects will improve amenities for local recreational fishers. However, recreational fishing is also an important part of the local economy of small coastal towns and inland centres adjacent to stocked impoundments. Visiting recreational anglers are an important source of revenue to these communities.

The program provides an opportunity for community organisations to play a part in the growth of these regional economies, by undertaking projects to improve recreational fishing opportunities.

Any community based "not for profit", incorporated community organisation may apply for a grant.

A total of \$50,000 is available in the program. Up to \$5,000 will be provided for individual projects.

Examples of potential projects to benefit recreational fishers include:

- improved fisheries access amenities;
- improved, more relevant public educational and promotional materials;
- projects to encourage participation of particular sectors of the community, for example, the young, the elderly or the disabled, to participate in recreational fishing; and
- environmental clean-ups and other habitat related projects.

Applications for funding are to be submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) by 30 June 2006. Full details are available on the DPI&F website www.dpi.qld.gov.au or by telephoning 3405 6805.