



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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FUNDING DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR HAWKESBURY FISHERS TO IMPROVE WATERWAYS

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, has today encouraged the region's fishers to get their applications in for the NSW Government's Habitat Action Grants program, after the deadline was extended until 16th October.

Robyn Preston MP said that recreational fishing groups, Landcare organisations, high schools and local councils in the Hawkesbury area would all be able to submit a funding application to see their native fish habitats flourish.

"This is a fantastic grants program that I hope all anglers in the Hawkesbury region can take full advantage of," Ms Preston said.

"Our waterways here, and right across the state, are already among the most beautiful in the world, but this is a chance to make them even better.

"Projects funded through the Habitat Action Grants could include rehabilitation of river banks or wetlands, re-snagging waterways, reintroducing native vegetation or modifying barriers for fish to passage.

"The NSW Government has extended the deadline so that as many of our passionate and dedicated fishers can get their applications in, and give them great places to wet a line. So please, apply by next Friday."

Habitat Action Grants are funded from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, where all funds raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee are placed.

Ms Preston said to apply for Habitat Actions Grants funding, groups should visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hag.

"Every year recreational fishers pay their licence fees and every single dollar of that is reinvested back into the fishing community," Ms Preston said.

"What's better is that the Habitat Action Grants are led by local groups who know their waterways better than anyone."

Since their inception in 2009, the Recreational Fishing Trusts have invested more than \$5 million into the Habitat Action Grants program throughout NSW. To find out more visit <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program>.