



Media Release

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RELEASE OF RAINBOW TROUT INTO TENTERFIELD DAM

Tenterfield's stock of rainbow trout experienced a substantial increase on Friday, 30 April 2021 with the release of a large number of 25-27cm fish into Tenterfield Dam. Some 300 of the fish will be tagged.

The restocking is funded by the purchase of NSW Fishing Licences as well as the Bushfire & Drought Recovery Programme and is part of the NSW DPI Fisheries promise to stock Tenterfield Dam for recreational fishing use in the future.

With the approval of the tender for construction of the new Tenterfield Water Treatment Plant at the December 2020 meeting at a cost of \$8.4 million, Council can now begin to positively plan the use of Tenterfield Dam as a recreational fishing precinct once the new, efficient, filtration plant is operational in 2022, which gives these breeding trout plenty of time to grow, breed, and establish a good fishing stock.

A large number of fingerlings and breeding trout were also released into the Dam in October 2020 and February 2021 to encourage species recovery following the effects of drought and fire.

"It has been a long road to here", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"In March 2019 Council were awarded \$7 million through the NSW Government's Safe & Secure Water Program to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant. This was supplemented in October 2020 with \$2.64 million from the Building Better Regions Funding."

"Being able to use the Dam for recreational fishing where everybody will have the opportunity to throw in a line will encourage visitors and local alike and I sincerely thank Michael Davey and Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) for their assistance in helping Council to access the fish to restock the Dam and Tenterfield Creek", the Mayor concluded.

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