



The Hon Ray Williams MP

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FUNDS AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE LOCAL FISH HABITATS

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams is encouraging community groups, local councils and individuals to apply for funding to improve local fish habitats through the NSW Government's Habitat Action Grants Program.

Small grants up to \$2,000 and large grants up to \$40,000 are now available for community groups, councils and individuals.

Mr Williams said the NSW Government is investing over half a million dollars in funding from recreational fishing fees to improve creeks, rivers, estuaries and surrounding areas across the state.

"The Habitat Action Grants Program has proven to be very popular in previous years," Mr Williams said.

"Since 2009, the NSW Government has invested over \$4 million towards projects such as reducing erosion by stabilising river banks, removing invasive weeds and re-establishing native vegetation on riverbanks, removing barriers to fish movements as well as re-snagging waterways and restoring lost habitats".

Applications for Habitat Action Grants opened on Monday, 31 July and close on Monday, 18 September 2017.

For more information about the program, application forms and examples of past projects visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hag or contact a Department of Primary Industries Fisheries Manager on (02) 6626 1396 (coastal) or 6881 1216 (inland).

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