



Labor's plan for Recreational Fishing

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Foreword

Recreational fishing is not just a pastime in South Australia – for so many people it is a way of life.

With an estimated \$380 million annual tourism value to the state, recreational fishing supports jobs, local communities and wellbeing.

The Malinauskas Labor Government is committed to supporting and championing the state's recreational fishing community.

It's why we have developed this plan to continue the work we've been doing, and to go even further in our efforts to back in a long-term future for South Australia's recreational fishers.



Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier of South Australia



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Recreational Fishing Authority

Labor will take to the election a plan to establish a new South Australian Recreational Fishing Authority.

This Authority, working across the whole of government, will provide a centralised home for recreational fishing policy and development in South Australia. The Authority will:

- Enable a whole-of-government approach to the management of recreational fishing
- Seek out and target recreational fishing access and opportunities
- Identify ongoing sustainable solutions for fingerling fish supply in South Australia
- Enhance fishing tourism opportunities in South Australia

Funding for Recfish SA

In 2022 Labor restored funding to RecFish SA which was cut by the former Marshall Liberal Government.

We will now committ additional funding over four years to RecFish SA to ensure that the recreational fishing community continues to have a seat at the table.

This includes dedicated funding for RecFish SA's pioneering tagging and translocation program.

Community Fishing Infrastructure

Labor will take to the election a plan for a \$1 million recreational fishing infrastructure program, to be rolled out over four years by the new Recreational Fishing Authority in partnership with RecFish SA.

The program will enhance fishing infrastructure platforms and areas, including jetty rod holders, bait boards and fish filleting tables in both ocean and river environments.

Initiatives will be determined and prioritised through direct consultation and engagement with the recreational fishing community, including through the use of public surveys.

Freshwater Fish Stocking

The Malinauskas Labor Government is partnering with RecFish SA to develop a business case for a freshwater hatchery in South Australia – developing the expertise to safeguard and future proof freshwater fishing.

We will work to fast-track approvals for flexible stocking plans and link stocking initiatives to community events. As part of the de-corporatisation of SA Water, we will evaluate formally transitioning freshwater fish stocking programs to RecFish SA.

This is in addition to our \$4 million saltwater restocking program, which will seek to target key recreational species such as flathead and mullocky.

Childrens Fishing Clinics

Labor will partner with RecFish SA to continue the rollout of junior fishing clinics across South Australia.

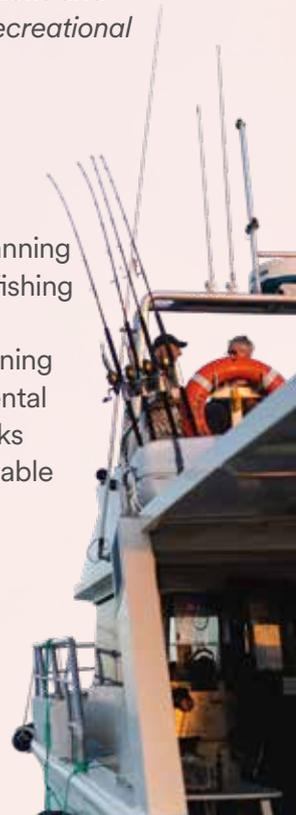
These clinics will see local communities engaged in the outdoors in both metropolitan Adelaide and the regions.

This funding will also support ongoing community fishing events, competitions and tourism initiatives, in line with our *Recreational Fishing Tourism Strategy 2030*.

Fishery Reform

Labor is committed to long-term planning in the recreational and commercial fishing industry. This includes our ongoing structural adjustment study – examining the economic, social and environmental impacts of potential licence buybacks to work towards a long-term sustainable fishing industry.

Outcomes from the structural adjustment study will inform any potential industry-wide reform and decisions regarding the long-term planning and regulation of our marine fisheries.



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