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FROM THE OFFICE OF VRFISH – VICTORIA'S RECREATIONAL FISHING PEAK BODY



VRFish commends Patterson River Boat Ramp Manning

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VRFish; Victoria's recreational fishing peak body, was delighted at the announcement on Wednesday afternoon of the State Government's decision to continue the manning arrangements at the Patterson River boat ramp.

'This is a fantastic result for recreational fishers,' said Christopher Collins, Executive Officer of VRFish. 'This boat ramp is the busiest in the State, so VRFish consider the manning of Patterson River boat ramp as essential.'

The Patterson River boat ramp is the highest capacity ramp in Victoria. With 10 launching lanes, it has a capacity of up to 80 launches per hour. During peak periods numerous staff work to keep the traffic flowing. 'Clearly, during peak periods in the snapper season manning is critical for traffic control' said Mr Collins.

VRFish worked with the local member for Carrum, Donna Bauer MLA, and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Ryan Smith, communicating the views of recreational fishers, namely that the Patterson River boat ramp requires manning to allow for improved boating access and safety.

'We give full credit to Donna Bauer and the Government because they really have listened and acted upon the unanimous wish of the community,' said Mr Collins.

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