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To Whom It May Concern,

VRFish support for funding proposal to rejuvenate the facilities at Kimbolton Foreshore, Lake Eppalock.

I am writing on behalf of VRFish, the peak body representing Victoria's 838,000 recreational fishers and express support for Goulburn-Murray Water's (GMW) funding proposal to undertake rejuvenation works at the Kimbolton foreshore, Lake Eppalock.

Providing more suitable and adequate infrastructure at some of Victoria's most frequented fishing locations is an emerging priority for our recreational fishing industry. To meet our aspiration of getting more families fishing and enhancing the overall fishing experience, a mix of infrastructure that is well planned and maintained such as toilets, BBQ facilities, shade, access points and boat ramps is required.

Being centrally located, Lake Eppalock attracts recreational fishers from around Victoria and is a popular location for anglers targeting golden perch, Murray cod and redfin perch. The proposed works would result in significant improvements to the facilities available to recreational fishers at the Kimbolton Foreshore site. The Kimbolton boat ramp is a popular access point for Lake Eppalock, and the amenity of the area would be greatly enhanced through the work proposed.

In particular, the current toilet block is aged and not accessible to all members of the community. The proposal to replace the toilet block, and undertake complementary works including installing picnic and barbeque facilities and signage will develop the foreshore site as a first-rate fishing destination.

VRFish has been liaising with GMW since the initial concept phase and welcomes the prospect of co-investment in the rejuvenation works at Kimbolton Foreshore.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Loats'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R'.

Mr. Robert Loats
Chair
Victorian Recreational Fishing Peak Body
30 August 2017