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A water win for Toolondo

VRFish, the recreational fishing peak body representing a community of over 838,000 Victorian recreational fishers, welcomes the release of water by Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWM Water) into Lake Toolondo today. VRFish commends GWM Water for its action in releasing the water from Rocklands Reservoir and observing the trigger point.

Lake Toolondo will start receiving an allocation of 5,000 ML following inflows into Rocklands Reservoir maintaining a diversion trigger point well above 116,000 ML.

VRFish, who has played a key role in the consultation process and has been proactively advocating for water security for Lake Toolondo, is elated and buoyed with optimism by this outcome.

The release of the water will support the highly productive ecosystem and potentially safeguard the Lake over the coming summer months when water has been known to get to critically low levels.

Lake Toolondo is one of Victoria's most prized salmonid and redfin fisheries, with the fishery capturing the hearts and minds of many Victorian and interstate fishers who come to fish this idyllic location year after year. The fishery is of high importance to the economic and social fabric of the surrounding region, with many business and tourism operations built around the Lake and its future.

Toolondo was stocked most recently by the VFA in early July 2017 with the release of 1,775 rainbow trout and 7,000 brown trout.

VRFish will continue to be active in this space to ensure the longevity and future of this prized fishery. Importantly, VRFish will also continue to work with the Government and GWM Water towards a long-term solution for the Lake through more secure, ongoing water entitlements.

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