

NSW Department of
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

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Dear Mr Ingram

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2006 to the Hon Ian Macdonald MLC, NSW Minister for Primary Industries, concerning the appointment of representatives from the Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC). The Minister has asked me to respon to you on his behalf.

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC) is considered to be the largest and most active non-government environmental organization in New South Wales. The NCC acts as an umbrella organization for over 100 scientific and conservation groups and is a representative body for conservation groups on a range of statutory committees. Accordingly, the NCC are considered to be the most appropriate organization to represent conservation groups on the various fisheries advisory bodies.

I understand that there is currently no properly constituted non-government body that can authoritatively claim to comprehensively represent the interests of all recreational fishers in NSW. As such, the NSW Department of Primary Industries will continue to encourage people with a broad range of interests and backgrounds in recreational fishing to nominate for appointment to the various fisheries advisory bodies, wherein they will be paid a modest sitting fee and reimbursed for relevant expenses.

Yours sincerely

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