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FISHERIES NOTICE No. 3/2002

I Candy Broad, Minister for Energy and Resources, after consultation with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and VRFish, make the following Fisheries Notice:

Dated 1 May 2002

CANDY BROAD

Minister for Energy and Resources

FISHERIES (LAKE MULWALA) NOTICE NO. 3/2002

1. *Title*

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Lake Mulwala Closure and Protection of Fisheries Habitat) Notice No. 3/2002.

2. *Objective*

The objectives of this Notice are to:

- (a) prohibit all fishing activities; and
- (b) protect the 'large woody debris' which is critical habitat for a number of species of fish and invertebrates;

in, on, adjacent to or on the banks or bed of Lake Mulwala and the lower Ovens River, for a period during which Lake Mulwala may be drawn down for upgrading and maintenance of the Yarrawonga Weir by the Goulburn–Murray Water Authority.

3. *Authorising provision*

This Notice is made under sections 67 and 152 of the **Fisheries Act 1995**.

4. *Commencement*

This Notice comes into operation on 6 May 2002.

5. *Prohibitions*

- (1) A person must not:
 - (a) take or attempt to take any species of fish, including Murray spiny crayfish, from Lake Mulwala;
 - (b) land or attempt to land any species of fish, including Murray spiny crayfish, from Lake Mulwala;
 - (c) possess any species of fish taken from Lake Mulwala;

- (d) sell any fish taken from Lake Mulwala;

- (e) possess or use any fishing equipment in, on, adjacent to or on the banks or beds of Lake Mulwala;

Penalty: 20 penalty units (\$2,000).

- (2) A person must not interfere with or damage, or participate in the interference with or damaging of, any habitat of any fish in Lake Mulwala or on the banks or beds of the relevant waters.

Penalty: 20 penalty units (\$2,000).

6. *Exemption*

Activities conducted under permit from the Goulburn–Murray Rural Water Authority as part of its ungrading and maintenance works are exempted from the prohibitions expressed in this Notice.

7. *Revocation*

This Notice is revoked on 14 August 2002.

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