



TARFish does not support a general salt-water rod and line fishing licence or other broad-based fee on recreational sea fishing.

1. BETTER BOAT RAMPS AND PARKING, MORE ACCESSIBLE FISHING

TARFish	Liberal	Labor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an infrastructure strategy jointly with Marine and Safety Tasmania, Department of Fisheries, Local Government and TARFish. 		
<p>Invest \$3m over 4 years in expansion and upgrades of boat ramps and parking around Tasmania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a recreational fishing infrastructure fund managed jointly by Marine and Safety Tasmania, Department of Fisheries, and Local Government to oversee and implement infrastructure upgrades and new infrastructure state-wide. 	<p>A new \$2 million grant fund for new and upgraded facilities and amenities</p>	<p>Will invest \$2 million in better boat ramps and associated facilities. This includes toilet facilities at more remote boat ramps across the state, upgrades to boat ramps and the installation of fish cleaning facilities where required.</p>
<p>Invest \$3.5m in programs and infrastructure so that those that want to go fishing can go fishing safely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an <i>All Tasmanians Recreational Sea Fishing Access Strategy</i> Invest \$3m over 4 years into infrastructure that makes it easier for people to go fishing including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public toilets at boat ramps and jetties to support families to fish All-ability access fishing platforms and jetties 	<p>\$100,000 over two years to make fishing easier for youth, women and people of all abilities</p>	<p>Will invest \$100,000 to investigate options for future land based infrastructure improvements to increase salt water fishing participation for fishers without access to a motor boat or with limited mobility.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Tasmanians to keep fishing by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing group fishing rules for licensed fisheries (e.g. scallops and rock lobster) so that older and mobility impaired Tasmanians (and others) can continue to participate A focussed participation program to support older Tasmanians to keep fishing 	<p>Will review the rules to allow catch sharing on the water between fishers</p>	<p>Will support Tasmanians to keep fishing by changing group fishing rules for licensed fisheries to enable older and mobility impaired Tasmanians to continue to participate in fishing.</p>



2. MORE FISH, BETTER FISHING

TARFish priorities:	Liberal	Labor
Invest \$1m over 4 years to support satisfying fishing experiences by;	\$250k	\$750k
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a resource sharing policy and implement formal resource sharing arrangements that protects recreational fisher access to key species including; rock lobster, scallop, and abalone 	Developing harvest strategies for abalone, rock lobster, scallop and key recreational scalefish species to safeguard fish stocks and incorporate recreational fishing goals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$750k in a Recovery Plan for Flathead 	\$250,000 over two years for a Flathead for the Future Program to better understand the stocks, and work with fishers to improve sustainability of this important resource	\$750,000 in a Recovery Plan for flathead to make sure future generations don't miss out.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further cuts and restrictions to rock lobster fishers Fix rock lobster access on the East Coast: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guarantee recreational rock lobster fishers 90 tonnes or 50% of Total Allowable Catch No further cuts to individual bag, possession limits or season length Recreational rock lobster only areas (spatial/temporal) 	<p>Accelerate development of a new East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone Strategy for rock lobster with the goal of enabling increased take arrangements for recreational fishers.</p> <p>\$150,000 over two years to extend the East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Program</p>	<p>Labor commits to review rock lobster access on the East Coast for recreational fishers, including the potential for 'recreational rock lobster only areas' in consultation with the commercial rock lobster industry.</p> <p>Further, Labor commits to no further cuts to individual bag, possession limits or season length</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest \$250k for 2 new FAD's, develop a FAD code of conduct and implement a commercial fishing exclusion zone around FAD's 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect recreational fisher access to emerging species including snapper, King George Whiting and king fish. 	Developing harvest strategies for abalone, rock lobster, scallop and key recreational scalefish species to safeguard fish stocks and incorporate recreational fishing goals	



3. EMPOWER RECREATIONAL FISHERS

TARFish priorities:	Liberal	Labor
<p>\$800k over 4 years for the recreational fishing sector to coordinate and deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Flathead Fisher education program (\$350 over 2 years) via a partnership between TARFish and IMAS • Fund a 4-year Fisher Stewardship Program to improve best practice and fish welfare • Support Tasmania’s participation in the nation-wide <i>Gone Fishing Day</i> each year. • Support a TARFish-led mental health program for recreational fishers • More resources to support fisher education and policing including improved signage and communication where fishing happens • Assist TARFish to improve recreational sea fisher education and engagement using social media and other technology 	<p>Support TARFish to provide information and education services via social media for recreational sea fishers, to complement the Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy.</p>	<p>Will allocate \$400,000 over four years to increase promotion of kids and family fishing days, as well as the physical and mental health benefits of fishing.</p>

4. HEALTHY HABITATS

TARFish priorities	Liberal	Labor
<p>Take action on threats to fish abundance and the marine environment including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing further expansion of the long-spined sea urchin (<i>centrostephanus</i>) • Prioritising kelp restoration • Reducing marine debris, particularly from aquaculture operations 	<p>\$150,000 over two years to extend the East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Program</p> <p>This builds on the Liberal Government’s previous commitment to move rock lobsters from slower growing south-west waters to faster growing east coast waters and continue successfully rebuilding our east coast lobster fishery for recreational and commercial fishers. It also provides some assistance in combating the destructive Long-spined sea urchin (Centrostephanus).</p>	<p>NIL</p>



5. SUPPORT A STRONGER VOICE FOR RECREATIONAL FISHERS

TARFish	Liberal	Labor
Invest \$1m over 4 years to support increased fisher participation in recreational fisheries management:	\$400k	\$1m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support TARFish to provide a single and independent voice of the fishing sector to Government through guaranteed base funding of \$1m over 4 years Support TARFish to undertake an organisational renewal project that facilitates fisher representative elections in 2022-23 	Provide \$400,000 over three years to peak body TARFish to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and implement governance and sustainable funding models. Extend the current funding for two years while the review is undertaken and implemented. 	Labor will provide \$1m for four years for TARFish to provide an independent voice for the recreational fishing sector. This will include undertaking an organisational renewal project that facilitates fisher representative elections in 2022-23.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructure the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RecFAC) so more recreational fishers can participate 	Seek to improve the level of fisher research as well as input into the management of fisheries. This will include expanded citizen-science programs and increased engagement with bodies including IMAS and the Recreational Fishery Advisory Committee. We will expand fisher participation on a regional basis to ensure those fishers impacted by management decisions have an opportunity to contribute their valuable knowledge.	Labor supports the restructure the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RecFAC) to allow more recreational fishers to participate. Labor also commits to annual statewide meetings being organised with the relevant minister to hear recreational fishers' views.



6. VALUE RECREATIONAL FISHERS AND THE TASMANIAN COMMUNITY

TARFish	Liberal	Labor
Guarantee independent and ongoing funding for the sector without imposing a salt-water rod and line fishing licence or other broad-based fee on recreational sea fishing	Categorically ruled out new taxes and levies for recreational fishing in Tasmania	No new taxes or levies on recreational fishers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transparent reporting on expenditure and return to recreational fishers from licence fees and the ability of recreational fishers to have input into their expenditure once administration fees are removed. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Recreational Fishing Trust Account administered by an independent Board with funds to be used for; research, improving sustainability and promoting policies and programs that support recreational fishing and to provide base funding for the peak body and ensure its independence. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund the Recreational Fishing Trust Account from new or existing commercial fishing resource royalties and from an aquaculture expansion offset levy with a proportion guaranteed to support recreational fishing so that recreational fishers become shareholders in our shared marine estate. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement a 10-year recreational sea fishing strategy 	Has drafted Tasmania’s first 10 Year Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy. Following final public consultation, a re-elected Liberal Government will implement the strategy with around 50 actions which includes the \$250k for Flathead for the Future program and \$100k to make fishing easier for youth, women and all abilities.	Labor commits to develop and implement a 10-year recreational sea fishing strategy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect recreational fishing access and recreational fishing values in legislation 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research that considers; the socio-economic value of recreational fishing, the aspirations of recreational fishers regarding the fishery being investigated, regionality and type of activity; and specific research to understand recreational fishing sectors. 		



7. OTHER – ITEMS COMMITTED TO BUT NOT IN TARFISH PRIORITIES STATEMENT

Liberal	Labor
	Labor will create a \$1.5m fund to buy back commercial net fishing licences. The aim is to increase fish stocks for recreational fishers while allowing commercial net fishers to exit the industry if they wish. The buyback will not be compulsory with fishers opting in with expressions of interest that will be weighted on value for money and relative fish stocks, with a view to reducing the commercial catch in areas frequented by the recreational fishers

The *Better Fishing for Everyone* priority statement was prepared based on feedback from recreational fishers at recent fisher forums held around Tasmania, from the State Government’s “For a Better Fishing Future” survey of over 2,300 recreational fishers and from TARFish’s own position statements and Board expertise.