



## Anglers Alliance Tasmania

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The Secretary

Legislative Council Select Committee – Tasmanian Irrigation

Legislative Council

Parliament House

Hobart 7000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT) submits the following comments for consideration by the Select Committee inquiry into Tasmanian Irrigation.

AAT is the peak body representing some 25,000 freshwater anglers across Tasmania. The Alliance also works collaboratively with the Inland Fisheries Service, Marine and Safety Tasmania, Hydro Tasmania, Tourism Tasmania and other community organisations in the management and promotion of Tasmania's world class trout fishery.

Through the development of irrigation dams and systems across the State, Tasmanian Irrigation has made a significant contribution to additional angling opportunities and associated regional economic benefits. Craighourne Dam, Huntsman Lake and the South Riana Dam are now popular angling destinations which both local and visiting anglers enjoy. Tasmanian Irrigation are commended for their willingness and co-operation to work with the Inland Fisheries Service and angling groups to bring about these opportunities.

Due to the significant amount of public funding available for Tasmanian Irrigation projects Anglers Alliance would like to see similar angling opportunities considered for other Tasmanian Irrigation Assets which are determined as being suitable for angling. This includes developed assets such as the Headquarters Dam, Southern Field Dam and Milford Dam and other assets under development, including Camden Dam and White Hills Dam. AAT requests that consideration be given to incorporating an assessment of angling opportunities as part of dam development processes and adequate provision made in project plans to accommodate recreation.

Anglers Alliance is available to meet with the Select Committee if needed to further discuss our representation.

Sincerely

Denis Edwards

Executive Officer

Anglers Alliance Tasmania