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RESPONSIBLE CAMPING RULES ON CROWN LAND

VRFish, the recreational fishing peak body in Victoria, is encouraging all recreational fishers to have their say on the proposed regulations that legislate camping on licenced Crown land water frontages.

VRFish Chairman, Mr. Rob Loats, said "The proposed regulations will allow recreational fishers to soon camp alongside our brilliant waterways while wetting a line with their friends and family."

"We are confident that the final regulations can meet our needs as recreational fishers as well as balancing the needs of other stakeholders including licence holders, farmers and local communities and the environment."

VRFish will play a lead role in supporting recreational fishers to recreate responsibly and meet proposed obligations on Crown land through the development of a Code of Practice.

Last year, the Victorian Parliament passed new laws to allow camping access on licensed Crown land water frontages that have grazing licenses.

"The new laws that permit camping have also generated overdue clarity that Crown land water frontages are public land."

"The process has identified that many river access points, including roads, have been illegally closed off to the public by stealth over decades and needs to be rectified."

The proposed regulations to legislate camping on Crown land water frontages are open for public comment until 19 April 2021. Final regulations are planned to come in effect from September 2021.

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