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Subject: Partnering on rock fishing safety workshops in your LGA
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Dear Josh

RE: Partnering on rock fishing safety workshops in your LGA

Thanks for taking the time to meet with me and rock fishing expert Alex Bellissimo to discuss our continuation of working together to educate rock fishers that fish your local rock platforms to stay safe.

I am writing to seek your Council's support to work with Department of Primary Industries to hold a series of rock fishing safety workshops in your Local Government Area.

As you would be aware our NSW Government has now declared "high risk rock fishing locations" under the Rock Fishing Safety Act - where fishers must by law wear a lifejacket when rock fishing - the locations already gazetted are:

- * Your Randwick City Council local government area
- * Northern Beaches Council local government area (the coastal stretch from Manly up to Pittwater)
- * Richmond Valley Council local government area (focused on the township of Evans Head just south of Ballina on the NSW North Coast)

The following Councils have opted in to the Rock fishing safety act to be gazetted soon.

- * Sutherland Shire council local government area (southern Sydney coast)
- * Ballina Shire Council local government area (NSW North Coast)
- * Port Stephens Council local government area (NSW Mid North Coast)
- * Lake Macquarie City Council local government area (NSW Central Coast)
- * Central Coast Council local government area (NSW Central Coast)

Rock fishing is one of the most dangerous sports in Australia. And yet its popularity is growing particularly with people from a non-English speaking background. People travel from all over Sydney to fish the coast and DPI wants to engage beginner and intermediate level rock fishers from your community to help make them better and safer fishers.

We are proposing a series of workshops to be held in your LGA. DPI will:

- arrange and fund experienced presenters to present and facilitate the workshops;
- provide prizes and vouchers for free lifejackets to attendees;
- arrange displays and information related to fishing regulation such as bag limits;
- provide draft artwork that can be adapted or modified by your Council;

We are seeking your Council's support to provide:

- A suitable venue in your LGA;
- Advertising for the event through your social media channels, website, local media, email bulletins, print advertising and media releases

- Management of bookings for the workshop through a suitable online booking platform such as the free platform Eventbrite.

We would consider the event a partnership and as such material would be jointly branded. The Mayor or a Council representative would be welcome to attend the event and provide a welcome introduction.

We have run similar events in other local government areas and have found them very popular with local fishers. Our experience has been the events book out quickly if it's advertised effectively, particularly through social media fishing pages and groups.

If you'd like to take up the opportunity can you please respond at your earliest convenience.

For more information and to discuss the opportunity please contact me.

Kind regards

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