

# Fisheries (Fishing Gear) Declaration 2025

## Disallowable instrument DI2025–252

made under the

***Fisheries Act 2000*, s 17 (Declaration of fishing gear)**

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### 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Fisheries (Fishing Gear) Declaration 2025*.

### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

### 3 Declaration of fishing gear

I declare the fishing gear—

(a) that may be used for taking fish; and

(b) that is prohibited for taking fish,

is as described in schedule 1 of this instrument.

*Note 1* A person commits an offence if the person uses or possesses fishing gear in or beside public waters and the use of fishing gear is not permitted by a declaration (see *Fisheries Act 2000*, s 86).

*Note 2* A person commits an offence if the person uses or possesses prohibited fishing gear in or beside any waters (see *Fisheries Act 2000*, s 86A).

### 4 General prohibition

To avoid doubt, the use of any fishing gear—

(a) not referred to; or

(b) in a manner not referred to,

in this instrument (or another declaration under s 17 of the Act) is prohibited.

### 5 Definitions

In this instrument:

***artificial fly*** means an artificial fly that has—

(a) one hook attached; or

(b) two hooks attached.

**artificial lure** means an artificial lure that has no more than three hooks attached.

**baited line** means a line with bait but no hooks attached, used for taking yabbies.

**freshwater shrimp and prawn** means any member of the families Atyidae or Palaemonidae.

**hook** means—

- (a) a single hook; or
- (b) a double hook; or
- (c) a treble hook.

**hoop net** means a net with line attached, that has a minimum mesh size of 13mm and a drop of no more than 1m, attached to no more than two hoops, rings or frames not more than 1.25m at their greatest diameter (in the case of hoops or rings) or diagonal (in the case of frames).

**landing net** means a net that consists of a hoop or ring that is attached to netting or other soft material and which is to be used only for the purpose of landing a fish that is already hooked using a rod or handline.

**nature reserves in the Murrumbidgee River corridor** means the following nature reserves as identified in the map at schedule 2:

- (a) Bullen Range Nature Reserve;
- (b) Gigerline Nature Reserve;
- (c) “Ginninderry Corridor” Nature Reserve;
- (d) Stony Creek Nature Reserve;
- (e) Swamp Creek Nature Reserve;
- (f) Woodstock Nature Reserve.

**open-top pyramid net** means a net with line attached, that is open at the top, not more than 60cm long or 60cm wide, with a mesh size of more than 15mm and a top opening of no less than 20cm by 20cm, without any internal device, that is designed for use in connection with the taking of yabbies.

**open waters** means any public waters that are not prohibited waters or trout waters.

**enclosed trap** means any trap, including a trap known as an Opera House trap or Opera House net but not including a hoop net or open-top pyramid net, that is—

- (a) partly or mostly enclosed; and
- (b) designed for use in connection with the taking of yabbies or other fish; and
- (c) usually baited before being deployed; and
- (d) capable, when used in accordance with its design, of trapping underwater, a platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*), rakali (*Hydromys chrysogaster*) or turtle (family Chelidae).

**prohibited waters**—see the [Fisheries \(Fishing Closures\) Declaration 2022](#) (DI2022-222), section 4 as in force from time to time.

*trout waters*—see the [\*Fisheries \(Fishing Closures\) Declaration 2022\*](#) (DI2022-222), section 4 as in force from time to time.

## **6 Revocation**

The *Fisheries (Fishing Gear) Declaration 2020* (DI2020-113) is revoked.

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# Schedule 1      Fishing gear

(see s 3)

## 1      Permitted fishing gear

### 1.1      Open Waters

The following fishing gear may be used in or beside open waters—

- (a) for taking yabbies (*Cherax destructor*)—no more than ten baited lines; and
- (b) for taking yabbies (*Cherax destructor*) and freshwater shrimp and prawn—no more than five hoop nets or open-top pyramid nets combined; and

*Note 1*    Clause 2.2 prohibits the use of hoop nets and open-top pyramid nets in the nature reserves in the Murrumbidgee River corridor.

*Note 2*    The *Fisheries Regulation 2001*, s 5 sets out how a hoop net may be used.

- (c) for taking any other fish—no more than two rods or handlines combined; and

*Note*      Prohibitions relating to possession and use of fishing gear in or beside open waters appear in clause 2.3.

- (d) a landing net.

### 1.2      Trout Waters

The following fishing gear may be used for taking fish in or beside trout waters—

- (a) one rod that is rigged with artificial lure or artificial fly only; and
- (b) a landing net.

*Note 1*    Fishing is prohibited at certain times of the year in or beside trout waters (see [Fisheries \(Fishing Closures\) Declaration 2022](#) (DI2022-222), sch 1).

*Note 2*    Prohibitions relating to possession and use of fishing gear in or beside trout waters appear in clause 2.4.

## 2      Prohibited fishing gear

### 2.1      Enclosed traps

Enclosed traps are prohibited.

### 2.2      Nature reserves in the Murrumbidgee River corridor

It is prohibited to use hoop nets or open-top pyramid nets for taking fish in the nature reserves in the Murrumbidgee River corridor as indicated at schedule 2.

*Note*      The map at schedule 2 shows the location of the nature reserves in the Murrumbidgee River corridor.

### 2.3      Open Waters

(1) It is prohibited for the following fishing gear to be in a person's possession in or beside open waters—

- (a) more than four rods or handlines combined; or

*Note* A person may have up to 4 rods or handlines in their possession in or beside open waters. However, clause 1.1 limits a person to **using** no more than 2 of these for taking fish (other than yabbies). See also s 4.

- (b) more than two rods or handlines combined, that are rigged for bait fishing; or
- (c) a rod with more than:
  - (i) two artificial flies attached; or
  - (ii) one artificial lure attached.

(2) It is prohibited to use the following fishing gear in or beside open waters—

- (a) a rod or handline rigged for bait fishing, that has more than two hooks attached; or
- (b) a rod with more than:
  - (i) two artificial flies attached; or
  - (ii) one artificial lure attached.

*Note* Clause 1.1 limits a person to using no more than 2 rods or handlines combined for taking fish (other than yabbies) in or beside open waters. See also s 4.

## 2.4 Trout Waters

(1) It is prohibited for the following fishing gear to be in a person's possession in or beside trout waters—

- (a) a handline; or
- (b) more than two rods; or

*Note* A person may have up to 2 rods in their possession in or beside trout waters. However, clause 1.2 limits a person to **using** no more than 1 of these for taking fish. See also s 4.

- (c) a rod that is rigged for bait fishing; or
- (d) a rod with more than:
  - (i) two artificial flies attached; or
  - (ii) one artificial lure attached.

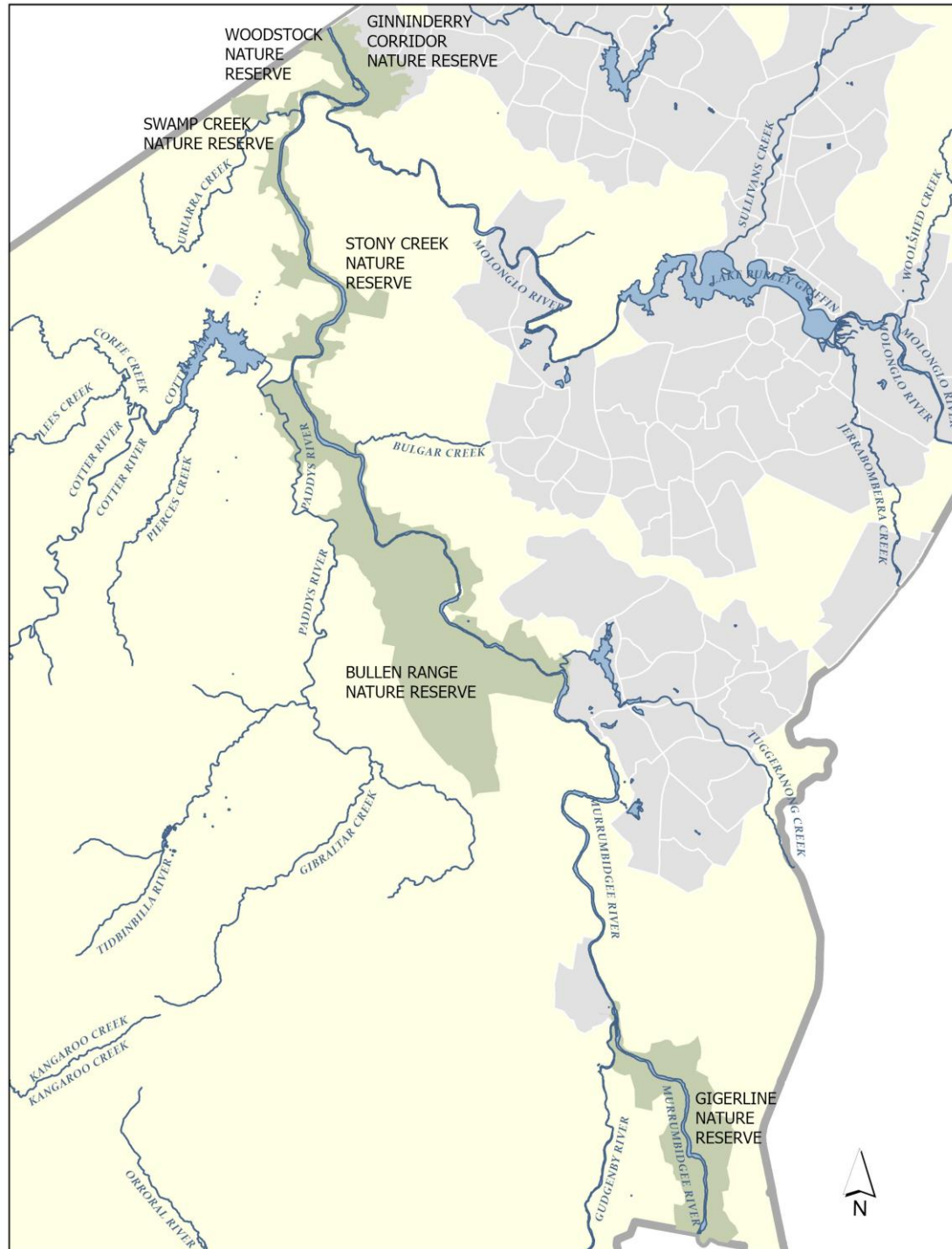
(2) It is prohibited to use the following fishing gear in or beside trout waters—

- (a) a handline; or
- (b) a rod that is rigged for bait fishing; or
- (c) a rod with more than:
  - (i) two artificial flies attached; or
  - (ii) one artificial lure attached.

*Note* Clause 1.2 limits a person to using no more than 1 rod for taking fish in or beside trout waters. See also s 4.

## Schedule 2 Nature reserves in the Murrumbidgee River Corridor

(see s 5)



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 Nature Reserves  
 ACT Division Boundaries  
 ACT Border

**Nature Reserves in the Murrumbidgee River Corridor**