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NEW PARTNERSHIP A WIN FOR ALL ANGLERS

Minister for Primary Industries, Land and Water Niall Blair and Minister for Disability Services John Ajaka today announced that up to \$200,000 will be invested to make it easier for anglers with disability to access some of the state's best fishing spots.

The Ministers were joined by Member for Bathurst Paul Toole and several anglers to make the announcement at Lake Wallace at Wallerawang.

"Fishing is a great pastime that everyone should be able to enjoy, which is why this government is prioritising funding for programs like these that will provide improved conditions and access for anyone who wants to fish," Mr Blair said.

Mr Ajaka said that the NSW Government is committed to improving access to recreational fishing opportunities for all members of the community.

"This funding will be invested into targeted fishing clinics as well as infrastructure upgrades, such as new casting platforms and access ramps at some of our most popular angling sites," Mr Ajaka said.

As part of the commitment, Lake Wallace at Wallerawang, which is a well-known and accessible fishing location, will be stocked with ex-broodstock trout, to provide a greater fishing opportunity for all at the site.

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole said Lake Wallace already has great access and opportunities for anyone to have the chance to catch a fish.

"We're close to Sydney, the facilities are great and now there is hopefully a greater chance of bagging a big one," Mr Toole said.

The partnership will involve \$100,000 of direct funding for the development of specialised amenities and workshops to give anglers with disability equal access to popular fishing spots.

A further \$100,000 will be provided through the Recreational Fishing Trusts, in consultation with the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing, for community groups and individuals across the state to make expressions of interest for funding for projects or programs that enhance fishing access for people with limited physical ability.

Expressions of interest are open from today until 13 November 2015. For more information visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational.

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