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### **WOLLONGONG'S NEWEST FISHING HOTSPOT**

Anglers can now wet a line at Wollongong's first artificial reef, after two huge steel pinnacle reef towers were deployed offshore from Perkins Beach, Port Kembla.

Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall said the state-of-the-art design will support a large variety of fish species and will improve conditions for fishers for years to come.

"The steel structure is the skeleton of a new thriving fish community, providing shelter for species popular with recreational fishers and a variety of attaching marine organisms," Mr Marshall said.

"The other six reefs constructed to date have produced very positive results, coming alive with species like Yellowtail Kingfish, Bonito and Blue Mackerel."

Standing 12 metres tall and weighing 90 tonnes, the towers have been engineered to withstand the biggest coastal storms.

After extensive seabed mapping and community consultation, the reef was deployed 2.4km offshore and just 2.5kms south of the Five Islands Nature Reserve.

"The towers were floated, towed and sunk remotely from a nearby tug, avoiding the use of barges and cranes on the open ocean. This method is by far the safest," Mr Marshall said.

The reef pinnacles are a long-term NSW Government investment, using funds from the Recreational Fishing Trust to improve recreational fishing across the state.

Other reef locations include Merimbula, Shoalhaven, Port Macquarie and Newcastle. For more information, such as reef coordinates, visit <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/artificial-reef>

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