



OFFICE OF THE HON. DR BRAD PETTITT MLC
MEMBER FOR SOUTH METROPOLITAN

4/1 High Street, Fremantle, WA 6160

brad.pettitt@mp.wa.gov.au

(08) 9430 7755

27 February 2025

Dr Andrew Rowland
Chief Executive Officer
Recfishwest

Via email: Andrew@recfishwest.org.au

Dear Andrew

Thank you for reaching out to my office on behalf of Recfishwest regarding your Election Manifesto. I want to recognise the work Recfishwest undertakes to represent 700,000 West Australians participating in recreational fishing and advocating for improving the health of our aquatic ecosystems.

Like Recfishwest, the Greens WA believe marine and coastal fisheries are important economic and recreational resources, dependent on healthy ecosystems. Marine and coastal ecosystems face serious threats as a result of climate change, such as sea level rise, ocean warming, acidification, invasive marine pests, and increased extreme weather, requiring immediate mitigation. The health of fishing industries is dependent on adequate conservation and sustainable management measures that ensure the replenishment of fishing stocks.

You'll be pleased to know the Greens WA [marine and coastal policy](#) includes ending shell sand mining to preserve sea grass in the Cockburn sound/Owen Anchorage area and anywhere else this practice occurs, and ensure the protection and restoration of sea grass meadows around the coast.

We are also supportive of ensuring there is clear government policy to support fish, the environment and communities.

I understand there are a number of specific asks in your election manifesto. As we are a minor party, our [election platform](#) is focused on high-priority, principles-based commitments to push the next State Government to act on. In the next State Parliament, The Greens (WA) will prioritise pursuing our platform. However, The Greens (WA) position on issues affecting recreational fishing will be informed by the aims, measures, and underlying principles of [our policies](#).

After the election we hope to have increased representation in the Legislative Council and we would welcome a meeting with Recfishwest to discuss your election manifesto and priorities to ensure healthy aquatic ecosystems for all.

Kind regards

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC
Member for South Metropolitan