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Dear Dr Rowland

Thank you for sharing Recfishwest's 2025 State Election Manifesto. My Government strongly values your organisation's input and advocacy on behalf of WA fishers.

Under a re-elected Cook Labor Government, we will invest in the following important projects around the State:

- \$2 million towards a new fishing platform at Quinns Rocks.
- \$2 million towards a new fishing platform and universal access toilet at Hillarys Boat Harbour.
- \$3 million to restore the natural environment to provide an improved habitat and breeding conditions for marron at Logue Brook, Harvey and Wellington dams.
- \$200,000 towards planning for a new all abilities fishing jetty in Albany, with Emu Point the preferred location.
- \$200,000 over four years to help Fishability expand its important work into regional WA, with the Pilbara a focus.

My Government has provided strong support in recent years to ensure Western Australia remains a world-class recreational fishing location – with important measures to improve recreational fishing access, introduce rule changes and deliver infrastructure. We have delivered multiple boat ramps and fishing platform projects, including at Bunbury Waterfront and Spoilbank Marina in Port Hedland. We are delivering new artificial fishing reefs at Carnarvon, Albany, Kalbarri and Broome. We have undertaken pink snapper and yellowtail kingfish restocking programs and funded fish aggregation devices.

My Government has also undertaken the following important improvements to species access and rule changes:

- Reopened Southern garfish from Lancelin to Myalup.
- Reopened Cockburn Sound crab fishery for recreational fishing only.
- Reopened recreational abalone fishing from Moore River to Greenough, in line with metro five-day open period.
- Increased herring bag limit from 12 to 20.



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- Purchased 20 extra tonnes of West Coast Zone commercial quota and reallocated to Charter sector (10) and general recreational fishing sector (10).
- Allowed spearfishing for barramundi.
- Allowed two rods for targeting of certain freshwater species.
- Relaxed rules around possession of lobster tails.

Thank you again for your strong advocacy on behalf of Western Australian fishers, and I look forward to continuing to work with you if we are lucky enough to be re-elected.

Only a re-elected Cook Labor Government will do what's right for Western Australian fishers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cook', written over a large, stylized blue oval.

Hon Roger Cook MLA
Premier, Leader of WA Labor

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