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Sustainable future fishing for trout and native fish

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Mr. Sean Sloan
Deputy Secretary, Fisheries and Forestry
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Nelsons Bay. NSW. 2315.

Dear Mr. Sloan

Commercial Supply of Trout Fry and Fingerlings.

The Monaro Acclimatisation Society (MAS) has been informed that the NSW Trout Hatcheries, Dutton and Gaden will no longer sell fry and fingerling trout to the general public for the stocking of farm dams and other private waterways.

The MAS is aware of the government policy of not entering into commercial activities unless there is a market failure where a service or commodity cannot be sourced from any other provider. Therefore we accept this new regulation.

It is our understanding that the biosecurity protocols for commercial provision of native fish are commensurate with those undertaken by government hatcheries. The biosecurity protocols for provision and sale of trout fry and fingerlings from commercial hatcheries has been reported to us as being almost nonexistent. This situation causes us much concern.

Most people who own a farm dam and wish to stock it with trout are aware of the regulations regarding this activity including the banning of stocking in dams that have a pass-through flow discharge that may allow trout to escape into public waterways.

The problem arises when there is ignorance about the regulations or there is a significant rain event and the farm dam overflows.

The MAS would like to bring to the attention of DPIRD this situation and articulate our concerns regarding biosecurity of our waterways. Without strong biosecurity measures in commercial trout hatcheries, there is the real risk of inadvertent transfer into our waterways of eggs and fry of red fin perch and carp, in addition to the potential of spreading pathogens in the stocked trout.

The MAS requests DPIRD to look at the biosecurity protocols relating to commercial trout hatcheries with regard to improving the security and quality of trout hatchery products and protecting our valuable waterways.

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