

# United we stand, divided we fall

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- Approximately 43 alien freshwater fish species
- As many as 1100 additional species in aquariums
- 481 species or genera listed legally as permitted imports under the EPBC Act 1999.

- Alien fish spread due to environmental and social reasons
- Social reasons include
  - Cultural
  - Use for bait
  - Humane reasons
  - Ignorance
  - Aquaculture
  - Believed to be native

- Increased community education on alien fish
- Various organisations are involved

- Education = increased awareness
- Increased awareness = increased expectations
- Increased expectations = more intensive monitoring and surveillance

- Resources are finite
- External assistance to control an alien fish outbreak.

- Very high expectation by the community
- But, most alien fish incursions occur due to the members of the community.
- Responsibility rests with the entire community, not just government agencies
- There is a need for a coordinated approach

- Community must be involved
- This will not be homogenous at all levels
- That means different layers of the community may participate at various levels and capacities.
  - Eradication
  - Community education
  - Policy development and implementation
  - Survey and monitoring
  - Training etc



# **QPIF Model**

- **The Pest Fish Control and Management Network**
- **A state wide Community Advisory Group with representations from key stakeholder groups**
- **Two Regional Pest Fish Working Groups (North and South Regions)**

# The Community Advisory Group

- To provide policy advice to QPIF
- To assist the Regional Pest Fish Working Groups

# The Regional Pest Fish Working Groups

- To deal mainly with regional pest fish issues.
- To implement pest fish control and management actions in the regions
- To provide input in to alien fish policy development at a regional level

# The State Community Advisory Group

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