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**Barra Bonanza - 110,000 fingerlings released into Manton Dam**

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Manton Dam was splashing with activity today with the release of 110,000 barramundi fingerlings.

Minister for Primary Industry and Resources Ken Vowles said the fingerlings help sustain the barramundi population in the Dam making for healthier waterways and better fishing.

“Territorians want and deserve a Government they can trust to do the right thing for them – investing in our barra fishing so that we can all enjoy this great experience is another way we are doing that,” Mr Vowles said.

“Manton Dam is a hugely popular fishing spot for recreational anglers and families due to its year round accessibility.

“However barramundi cannot breed in fresh water so this release is vital to ensure our kids can continue to fish here in future years.

“Recreational fishing is part of the Territory lifestyle we all love and it makes a significant contribution to our economy.”

The Territory Labor Government will invest \$50 million in infrastructure to support recreational fishing.

“This investment will focus on enhancing the recreational fishing experiences across the NT, including ensuring that fish stocks are healthy,” Mr Vowles said.

“Developing the Territory’s recreational fishing opportunities will help benefit Territorians and visitors while enhancing the Territory’s reputation as a world-class fishing destination.”

The barra fingerlings released today are bred and grown in salt water at the Darwin Aquaculture Centre (DAC). The fingerlings are roughly 30-40mm long and will be released into multiple sheltered areas across the dam.

Amateur Fishing Association of the NT (AFANT) CEO David Ciaravolo said Manton Dam was an extremely popular spot for recreational fishermen due to its close proximity to Darwin.

“The stocking of these Barramundi fingerlings will ensure it continues to provide opportunities for keen anglers to enjoy great fishing well into the future,” Mr Ciaravolo said.

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