

Attachment A

Excerpt from page 182 of the *Freshwater Fish Stocking in NSW Environmental Impact Statement Public Consultation Document* (2003) prepared by the Department.

[Blue Mountains World Heritage] values ... include endemic species^[1], relict species^[2], species with restricted ranges and rare or threatened species. Any of those species that are aquatic, primarily fish and frogs, are likely to be affected by fish stocking, although as discussed previously, the extent and magnitude of this impact is as yet unknown. The potential for an impact in the absence of evidence to the contrary suggests that stocking is likely to undermine ... [World Heritage values] ... (emphasis added)

¹ Species found only in the Blue Mountains.

² Ancient species that were once widespread but are now found only in a small area; AKA 'living fossils'.

Attachment B

Part 3 of Stocking Review Guidelines appended to the NSW Freshwater Fish Stocking Fishery Management Strategy 2005

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2.7 Will the consignment be reliably certified free of undesirable and non-target species under the Hatchery Quality Assurance Program?	Yes/No	If "No", stocking cannot proceed	Another source of stock must be nominated
2.8 Are any non-target species, diseases or parasites likely to escape, and if so at what scale?	Yes/No		
2.9 In the event of an escape, what life stages (eg. gametes, fertilised eggs, juveniles, adults etc) are likely to escape?			
2.10 Based on the outcomes from the above is there a likelihood of escape?	Yes/No		
2.11 Is further assessment of translocation issues required?	Yes/No	<i>If yes, refer to the National Translocation Assessment Guidelines (stocking open waters) before proceeding to Part 3</i>	
Comments regarding issues raised in Part 2:			

Part 3: Local Environmental Issues

Issue	Response	Significance of potential impacts	Comments – Action required to mitigate impacts (e.g. further assessment required; special conditions; consideration of threatened species)
3.1 Is the nominated site subject to any local management plan or action that would preclude stocking?	Yes/No	If "Yes", stocking cannot proceed	Another waterway area must be nominated
3.2 Are any terrestrial threatened species recovery plans in force in the area?	Yes/No		
3.3 Are any aquatic threatened species recovery plans in force in the area?	Yes/No		
3.4 Is the recovery of a threatened species likely to be adversely impacted by the stocking event?	Yes/No	If "Yes", stocking cannot proceed	Event must be amended
3.5 Is the possible distribution of the species following stocking of concern?	Yes/No	If "Yes", stocking cannot proceed	Another waterway and/or species must be nominated
3.6 Is the event likely to impact on cultural, heritage or aesthetic values?	Yes/No		

3.7 Are the waters suitable for stocking the nominated species in terms of climate and location?	Yes/No	If "No", stocking cannot proceed	Another waterway and/or species must be nominated
3.8 Will the activity impact on adjoining land use?	Yes/No		
3.9 Are any endangered or vulnerable species listed under the TSC Act or FM Act known to be present within 5km of the release site?	Yes/No	If "Yes", stocking cannot proceed	Another waterway and/or species must be nominated for harvest stocking
3.10 Is a loss of the aesthetic, cultural, recreational or other environmental quality of the locality likely?	Yes/No		
3.11 Is the release site either upstream or downstream of a barrier to fish passage where, according to official records, the species has not been previously stocked?	Yes/No		
3.12 Does the nominated site provide suitable access to anglers?	Yes/No		
3.13 Is the area subject to and compliant with a NPWS Plan of Management	Yes/No		
Comments regarding issues raised in Part 3:			

Part 4: Review of the Stocking Proposal and Permits

4.1 Taking into account information under Part 1 and Part 2 of this review, is the event consistent with the Fish Stocking FMS?	Yes/No
4.2 Taking into account information under Part 3 of this review and proposed permit conditions, is the event likely to have unacceptable impacts on the local environment given the expected benefits to the angling public?	Yes/No
4.3 Does the event require further review? (e.g. an eight part test for threatened species) (If yes, provide details and course of action in the 'Conditions' box below)	Yes/No
4.4 Having weighed up all the factors, in the delegated officer's opinion should the stocking event proceed?	Yes/No
4.5 Are special conditions required to mitigate any potential negative impacts and ensure the event satisfies the requirements of FMS? (If yes, provide necessary conditions)	Yes/No