SAT

Interview Questions

(number). Indicates main question

(numerator). Indicates followup question

1. **How long have you been fishing in Victoria**
   1. **and what areas do you usually fish in?**
2. **Have you fished at or near Greenvale Reservoir or Roxburgh Park waterways?** 
   1. **If so, how often?**
3. **Over the years, have you noticed any changes in the number of fish you catch in local freshwater areas?**
4. **Have you observed any changes in the species of fish present in your usual fishing spots?**
5. **In your opinion, has the quality of the fish changed over time?**
   1. **In what ways? (taste, size, etc.)**
6. **Do you believe, specifically, the pollution of heavy metals affected water quality/fishing conditions?** 
   1. **Why or why not?**
7. **Have you ever noticed water discolouration/turbidity, algal blooms, or strange smells wherever you have fished?**
8. **Do you think fish are harder to catch now than they were in previous years?** 
   1. **Why do you think that might be?**
9. **Are you personally aware of and/or partaken in any local conservation efforts or government actions related to water quality or fish habitats?**
   1. **Do you believe that these actions have in any way affected the quality of**
10. **What role do you think local community members (like yourself) play in monitoring or protecting freshwater ecosystems?**

Also:

Ask if willing to take picture for inclusion in infographic (for validity/credibility)

Ask if willing to record name for inclusion in infographic (same r.)

(just doing interview to acquire professional input and validate survey/primary/secondary data)

Survey Questions

Multiple Choice

**How many years have you been freshwater fishing in Victoria?**

* ( ) Less than 1 year
* ( ) 1–5 years
* ( ) 6–10 years
* ( ) 10+

**How often do you fish in Victorian freshwater bodies (rivers, lakes, reservoirs)?**

* ( ) Weekly
* ( ) Monthly
* ( ) A few times a year
* ( ) Rarely

**Have you noticed any changes in the number of fish you catch?**

* ( ) Increased
* ( ) Stayed the same
* ( ) Decreased
* ( ) Not sure

**Have you noticed any changes in the variety of fish species present?**

* ( ) More species
* ( ) Fewer species
* ( ) No change
* ( ) Not sure

**Do you fish in areas near urban development, industrial activity, or farmland?**

* ( ) Often
* ( ) Occasionally
* ( ) Rarely
* ( ) Never

**Have you ever noticed water quality issues (e.g. discolouration, odour, unusual algae)?**

* ( ) Frequently
* ( ) Sometimes
* ( ) Rarely
* ( ) Never

**Do you think, over the course of your time fishing in local Victorian freshwater bodies, that the overall quality (size, taste, etc.) of the fish you have caught has declined?**

* ( ) Yes
* ( ) No

Short Answer

**What are some of the locations where you most often fish in Victoria?**

**Have you ever stopped fishing at a location due to poor water quality or low fish numbers? If so, where and why?**

**What factors do you believe are most responsible for (if any) decline in fish quality/biodiversity.**

Also:

Link to consent form

Request Email for followup/data collection credibility purposes

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZ65KJY>