



Recreational Fishing Trust Expenditure and Progress Report

Project proponents must provide a written progress report to the relevant Expenditure Committee at each meeting.

Report date: 29th April 2003

Project title: Angel rings

Proponent: ANSA

Project budget: \$27869.60 (Inclusive of GST)

Project activities to date:

The installation of the angel rings stalled whilst negotiations with NPWS and local councils were undertaken to legitimise the project and avoid the covert installation that have been historically utilised when ANSA NSW installed the original assemblies.

ANSA NSW had discussions with NPWS in December 2002 to try and legitimise the installations that already existed in National Parks and with a view to extend the program. We received approval in January 10th 2003, but with standard consent conditions that ANSA NSW could not and would not meet. They involved ANSA NSW indemnifying NPWS from all liability. A further meeting was organised and consensus was reached on March 12th 2003 with approval being granted on the 21st March for angel rings to be installed 4 National Parks. ANSA NSW has a meeting with Botany Bay NP on the 30th April to select locations and Malcolm Poole of the RFA of NSW is attending a meeting on the 2nd of May to discuss locations on the Central Coast.

Whilst NPWS has agreed to support the project, we are still having problems with local councils. ANSA is currently negotiating with 4 local councils and have meetings set up with Randwick, Lake Macquarie, Wyong and Gosford Councils. Public Liability is the problem, but we think some positive press and more negotiations, most of the rings should be installed with the next few months.

Documented lives saved in 2003;

- **Kiama** - 17/2/03 - Man found clinging to angel ring 500m offshore after being washed in. Ring thrown to him by other anglers.
 - **Narooma** -9/3/03 - Man rescued after boat capsizes on the Narooma Bar entrance. Ring thrown to him by onlookers.
 - **Royal National Park** -9/4/03 - Man found clinging to angel ring 100m offshore after being washed in. Ring thrown to him by other anglers
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