



## COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2008

EILDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

### AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- "Snobs Creek - A Proud History" Campaign DVD showing history of the sites development (6 minutes)
- Role of Fish Hatchery in Eildon/Alexandra Community
- Where to from here?
- Questions followed by the endorsement of the resolution (below).

Friends of Snob's Creek reject the rationale behind the proposed relocation of DPI Snob's Creek staff to Queenscliff as flawed and misguided. The relocation will compromise freshwater fisheries and aquaculture research which has been an integral part of the facility for over 50 years. The proposed relocation undermines the viability of Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery and calls into question the Government's long-term commitment to supporting recreational fisheries and tourism in the area. The proposed relocation will detrimentally impact upon schools, sports groups, small business and tourism in the local region; and is generally regarded as nonsensical even within Fisheries Victoria.

Snobs Creek is a unique Research Station and Fish Hatchery that is an integral part of the Eildon/Alexandra community as well as the Victoria-wide recreational fishing community. Friends of Snobs Creek does not believe that the current Government or Executive of DPI has the right to destroy this iconic facility and we call on the Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Joe Helper M.P. to stop using it as a political football, show good sense and retract the proposal to relocate Snob's Creek staff to Queenscliff. Friends of Snobs Creek also call on the on the State Government to demonstrate a commitment to the future viability and sustainability of the Snob's Creek facility.