

## From the Fisher's Mouth

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For a region that has experienced ten years of drought I have certainly had my share of wet weather in the past week. In the past week or so, I have witnessed two flash floods. One a creek at Wantabadgery which flooded a metre deep almost 30 minutes after the rain stopped, and the other where storm water was streaming off the Malebo range knee deep across the old Narrandera road in several places before making its way to the Murrumbidgee.

Needless to say that when storm waters make their way into the main river, that the water becomes turbid instantly. Prior to the rain, we successfully fished in very clear & clean water and after the storm the water became the colour of chocolate milk. When this happens your options are to either head upstream to get above inflow of the storm water, or pull the boat out and travel downstream to get in front of the dirty water.



A sudden influx of murky water into the river will generally stop the fish from biting, however by moving to a new section of river that may not be impacted by the localised rainfall, you can find the fish amenable.

One tip so that a sudden storm doesn't wreck your fishing trip, is to make sure you have rain jackets and pants on board at all times. 'Shell' styled outfits are cheap, take little room and can save a fishing trip if the weather turns wet and/or cold.

In the river, the fish are biting especially well later in the afternoon once the shadows stretch across the river. Spinnerbaits seem to be the lure of choice, with hard bodies being slower in the past week. Having said that, I did catch a nice cod casting a 90mm AC at Hay, so it pays to have a selection of lures on offer.

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