

To: - Secretary Fly Fish Australia.

From: - David Higgins
Chairman of Selector's.

18th January 2006.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed the Selection Tribunal's final selections for the Australian World Championship Team for Finland in 2007 and the two Oceania Teams for Tasmania 2007.

The selection Tribunal have included for the first time, their preferred Reserves in order of merit, rather than leaving it to the normal practice of just picking the next person on the list when a vacancy occurs. We have done this to try to ensure the best person and therefore the best Team's will represent Australia.

I was pleased to see the Selection Tribunal was prepared to put in and make some fair but difficult decisions. The selectors took into consideration a number of elements when making their selection. An important element was the selector's willingness to look at the consistency of the candidates in previous National's and their experience at the International level. Suitability and physical fitness for the World venue was also an important factor in a person being selected.

Also considered was the experience a candidate has had on similar waters the World Team will be fishing with particular reference to their River fishing ability.

We are confident we have picked the best World Team available from the eligible candidates. Further, we believe this is possibly the best Team Australia has sent to a World Championship for quite sometime. We just need the Captain and the Team members to perform to their full capabilities and have their share of luck and success will follow.

World Team

1. J Stagg	
2. J Riley	
3. S Reece	
4. M Verashaka	
5. S Tucker	
1 st Reserve	C Dawson
2 nd Reserve	C Coltman
3 rd Reserve	A Scott

NOTE: World Team is selected 1 to 5 Team Members – plus 1st – 2nd – 3rd Reserve.

If further reserves are required, they are to come from the 'A' Team Oceania's in order of ranking 1 to 5. Therefore 4th World Team Reserve is D Bennett.

4th Reserve is 1st member of A Team.

A Team - Oceania

1. D Bennett	
2. G Donnagy	
3. W Deane	
4. A Scott	
5. C Coltman	
1 st Replacement 'A'	E Caggianne
2 nd Replacement 'A'	C Carey
3 rd Replacement 'A'	P Ellis

NOTE: 'A' Team Oceania does not have a reserve selected.

Reason: - Wait to see who confirms for the Teams in the World's and Oceania's – then new reserve selection process can be implemented.

EG: If a 2nd reserve is required for the World Team (C Coltman) from 'A' Team Oceania - then C Caggianne (Top 'B' Team) will be promoted to the 'A' Team – **NOT as the reserve position but in the team** - then C Carey – P Ellis etc.

Only when the Teams have been finalised and confirmed – the ‘A’ and ‘B’ Team reserve will be nominated.

‘A’ Team Reserve will be the highest ranking reserve from the ‘B’ Team Reserve list.

‘B’ Team reserve will be the 2nd highest ranking ‘B’ Team Reserve.

This method ensures a higher ranked person is not disadvantaged by being nominated as a reserve for the ‘A’ Team.

B Team - Oceania

1. E Caggianne	
2. C Carey	
3. P Ellis	
4. J Fisher	
5. R Sunderland	
1 st Reserve	R Lehman
2 nd Reserve	T Annear
3 rd Reserve	Blair Scott - This position would normally not be selected.
4 th Reserve	I Gilbertson - This position would normally not be selected.