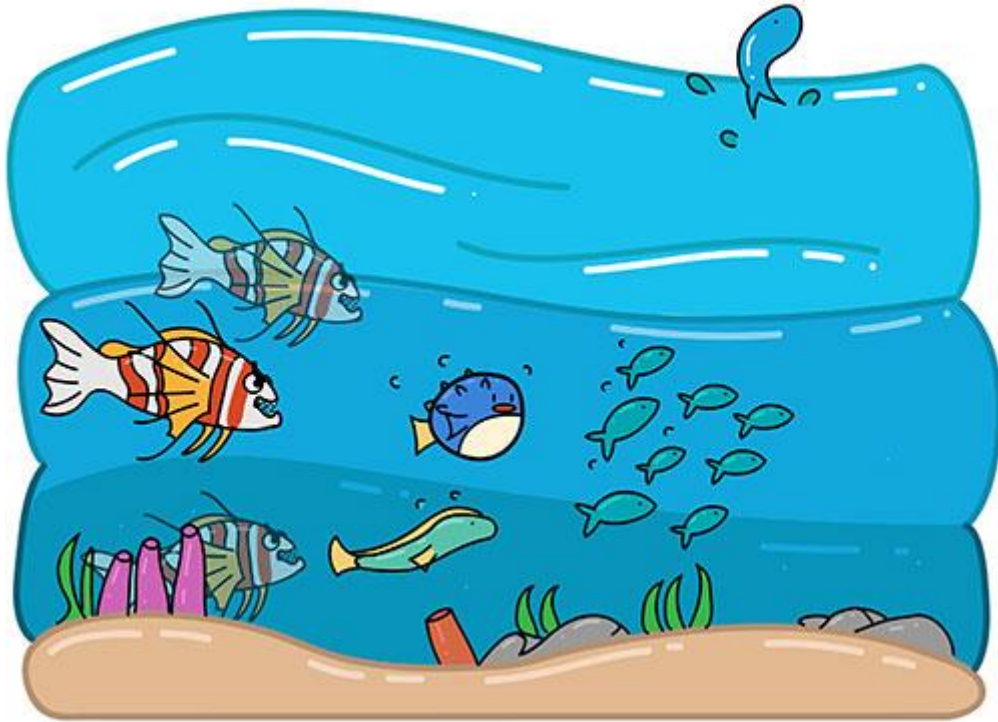


# Factors facing freshwater fish – Native vs invasive

by Stephen Baines



I have spent decades paddling around in rivers and creeks. From a very young age, freshwater fish and aquatic life have been my passion. I have created countless amazing, natural displays using artificial rock - indistinguishable from reality - in pods, aquariums and reptile displays.

These award-winning creations have been created for, and grace, all manner of situations from aquarium shows and private homes, through to large-scale commercial displays and government offices.

I have now translated my passion into words to promote and educate the community about native Australian fish. I'm particularly keen on engaging children with wondrous tales of his fishy friends, and the beauty of our freshwater ecosystems.