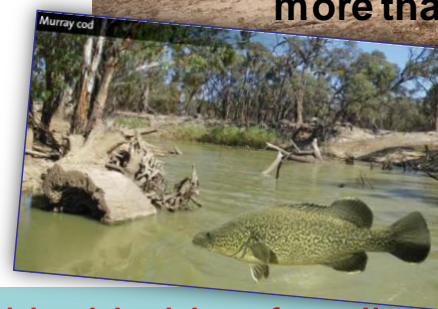


# Lower Darling Flows Essential for Native Fish

- lack of flows 2014 -16 threatened loss of lower Darling River fish populations in key nursery area, especially callop
- environmental flows transferred from other river valleys to create low flows in spring 2016, then increased to create food sources and nursery sites for larvae, best cod breeding event in 20 years!
- rain-fed river flows continued to allow fish to grow and migrate
- environmental flows saved key nursery area and Darling fish populations able to migrate to other Basin rivers



**New science 2017 that Lower Darling is critical habitat for all native fish in Basin!**

**STOP PRESS April 2018: Lower Darling running dry again!!**

**BREAKING NEWS 16 April: 23.8 GL in e-flows on way down Barwon River, NSW special order to protect e-flows en route to Lower Darling!**

Figure 1 Summary of emerging science indicating the critical importance of the Lower Darling River for all native fish species in the Basin (Source: Paul D'Santos, NSW OEH & Dr John Koehn, Arthur Rylah Institute; presentations to International Rivers Symposium, Sept 2017)