

HELP STOP PLATYPUS DEATHS !!

2013 has been a sad year for platypus in the Upper Murrumbidgee. A platypus has been found entangled in heavy duty fishing wire and another strangled by a plastic ring cutting into its neck. Most recently, a dead platypus and three threatened Murray Crayfish were hauled from the river, in an illegal yabby trap!



Photo: Australian Platypus Conservancy

YABBY TRAPS ARE ILLEGAL IN ALL PUBLIC WATERWAYS IN THE ACT REGION

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL LIKELY SIGNS OF AN ILLEGAL TRAP:

- A rope or string tied close to the bank and going into the waterway
- A plastic bottle bobbing in a fixed position in the stream
- A lonely fishing float or a small plastic ball not moving with the current

IF YOU FIND A TRAP IN ANY OF OUR LAKES AND RIVERS (ACT & UPPER MURRURUMBIDGEE REGION)

REMOVE IT AND REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS: 1800 333 000 OR CANBERRA CONNECT: 13 22 81

- If you see any other discarded fishing equipment - please remove it to prevent further harm to wildlife
- Details of platypus sightings can be reported on-line to the Australian Platypus Conservancy website www.platypus.asn.au
- Contact Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch for more details: waterwatch@act.gov.au or 6207 2246