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**Project: 10006**

***Cherax destructor* distribution eastern drainage of NSW, Australia**

## **Research Brief**

### **Aims**

As part of the Australian Crayfish Project biological surveys of huge areas of NSW were conducted and are currently being conducted in an ongoing research program. Increasingly the Yabby *Cherax destructor* was turning up in samples from eastern drainage NSW. In many cases the populations were large and the species was entrenched within these drainage systems never to be removed. This research project is to map the extent of current *Cherax destructor* distributions and to compile, record and present the collected data in a scientific paper.

### **Outline**

The MS paper is a project of Robert B McCormack & Jason Coughran - Australian Aquatic Crayfish Project, with the help and support of a large number of volunteers working on the ACP.

### **Abstract**

The Yabby *Cherax destructor* is endemic to the Murray Darling drainage basin. Through natural distribution and translocation both deliberate and accidental *Cherax destructor* has become established in eastern drainage basins of NSW. Results of widespread biological surveys in NSW conducted as part of the Australian Crayfish Project are listed and the extent of *C. destructor* distribution and potential consequences are discussed.

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