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## ***Euastacus australasiensis* – Aspects of Biology, Ecology and Distribution.**

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The Sydney Freshwater Crayfish *Euastacus australasiensis* is a well known small freshwater crayfish from the Sydney region of NSW. Despite this we know little concerning the species distribution. Ongoing biological surveys of NSW by the Australian Crayfish Project (ACP) team have uncovered new populations of this species in both eastern and western drainage of NSW. The ACP is investigating the distribution of this species, as well as possibly identifying genetically distinct populations or groups of populations within *Euastacus australasiensis*, which may contribute information that can be used for any future taxonomic revision of this species. *Euastacus australasiensis* habitat, lifecycle, genetics and distribution are discussed in this paper.

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