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**Question:**

If I can quickly move on to boating infrastructure initiatives and the performance measures on page 359 and 360. Starting with 360, 'Recreational fishing infrastructure improvements delivered', the target for 2019–20 was six and the actual was zero. What was not completed and why not?

**Answer:**

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) was unable to deliver the 2019-20 infrastructure projects because of the devastating 2019-20 bushfires and restrictions imposed by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. VFA carefully managed the focus on staff and contractor safety in 2020. I was pleased to be able to open the Warmies fish cleaning table at Newport in November 2019 with the Vice President of the Williamstown Newport Angling Club.

As soon as it was safe to do so, resources were directed back into fishing infrastructure projects and the overall delivery of the performance measure will proceed as planned for completion in 2022.



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