

**OCEAN TRAWL – FISH NORTHERN ZONE, OCEAN HAULING – PURSE SEINE NET,  
OCEAN TRAP AND LINE – LINE EASTERN ZONE AND ESTUARY GENERAL – HAND  
GATHERING**

**INDEPENDENT ALLOCATION PANEL**

**c/o The IAP, Grant Thornton Level 17, 383 Kent Street, Sydney 2000**

**UPDATE Friday 8th December 2018**

Dear Fishing Business Owners,

A copy of this communication can be found at [www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP](http://www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP).

Feedback on the draft Terms of Reference closed on 1 December 2017. The Terms of Reference for Ocean Trawl, Ocean Haul and Estuary General have been amended and finalised by the Minister in response to industry consultation, issues raised by Panel and issues identified by Department. Thank you to all who provided submissions.

The finalised Terms of Reference for each sector can be found below this communication.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries will be updating their website with these finalised Terms of Reference in the near future. Please check their website at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/reform/independent-allocation-panel>.

The Minister has decided that a separate Terms of Reference will be required for the Southern Fish Trawl Fishery. Draft Terms of Reference are currently being developed for the Southern Fish Trawl fishery by the DPI in collaboration with the Australian Fisheries Management Authority. When this is completed, DPI will communicate with Fishing Business Owners to request feedback on the draft Terms of Reference for the Southern Fish Trawl fishery. The Panel will be provided the approved ToR by the Minister and at that time will arrange additional time to speak with the Fishing Business Owners involved in the Southern Fish Trawl.

**Consultations**

Please be advised that bookings for consultations at all locations are now open. Consultation dates are as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sydney	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
Wollongong	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
Newcastle	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 January, 2018
Coffs Harbour	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018
Port Macquarie	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018
Eden	30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2018
Ballina	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018
Clarence	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018, 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings will close 48 hours prior to the first date at each location.

Please book Sydney and Wollongong consultations as soon as possible.

### **To Book a Consultation**

To book a consultation timeslot with the Panel, fishing business owners are requested to go to <https://meetme.so/IAPBooking>. Once here you will be prompted to select your preferred consultation location and indicate if you wish to meet the Panel individually or as a small group with other fishing business owners. You will be required to select 3 options for session times and once a timeslot has been allocated, you will receive a confirmation email with details of your final consultation time and location. The booking form will ask you to provide us with information including your contact details and fishing business license number(s).

Alternatively, you may call Grant Thornton on 02 9286 5800 to book a time and location.

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings will close 48 hours prior to the first date at each location.

If none of the above locations are suitable, please call Grant Thornton on 02 9286 5800 to discuss.

Yours sincerely,



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