

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

INDEPENDENT ALLOCATION PANEL

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

Thursday 8th March 2018

Re: Communication regarding DPI letter dated 27/2/18

Dear Fishing Business Owners.

A copy of this communication can be found at www.grantthornton.com.au/IAP.

It has been brought to the attention of the Independent Allocation Panel (IAP) that a letter from the Department of Primary Industry (dated 27/2/18) has been circulated to eligible shareholders for species under consideration by the IAP process. The letter seeks fishing business owners to review catch data records and advise of discrepancies to remove any data entry errors in the DPI records.

As advised in the DPI letter the IAP **may or may not** use catch and effort information reported to the Department.

The IAP wishes to confirm that the process to check catch data records has been initiated by the DPI and as such, any questions relating to this letter should be directed to the Department.

The IAP would like to stress that it is still in the process of consulting with eligible stakeholders and considering the many written submissions it has received as part of this process.

The **IAP has made no recommendations at this stage** in relation to the ToR for any of the fisheries under review as part of this process.

As previously advised, the IAP will issue a 'draft report' that will be circulated to eligible shareholders for their consideration by mid-April 2018 (a little later for the Southern Fish Trawl fishery).

Yours sincerely,



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