

Other Recommendations

The Review Team has made the following recommendations throughout the Report:

That the Department increase its capacity to undertake economic monitoring and analysis to inform management decisions.

That the application of community contributions for NSW fisheries be reconsidered with a view to their removal.

That the Blue Book, or an electronic equivalent, be re-instated.

That a code of conduct be developed by the ED, Fisheries to apply to the performance of all members of advisory committees, including MACs, to ensure their effective operation.

That no immediate changes be made to the regulations with respect to the issue of shares.

That the Minister issue a statement of intention to build and support a strong sustainable NSW commercial fishing industry.

That a process to identify consultation on and declare a network of RFGs statewide be undertaken at some time in the future, but only after priority is given to the formal restructuring process recommended elsewhere in this report.

That extreme caution should be exercised by the Government when considering new developmental fishery authorisations.

That work on developing fisheries proposals/authorisations doesn't draw valuable Departmental resources away from higher priority fisheries management issues, given the amount of work still to do to adjust and manage NSW's main commercial fisheries.

That consideration be given to the ANAO Audit Report No 39 2008-09, which provides valuable insight into the process used in administering the 'Securing Our Fishing Future' structural adjustment package assistance programs.

That the Structural Adjustment Review Committee be established.

That subject to the Minister agreeing to the recommendation from this report that such a body [Peak Industry body] be established, the existing PFA convene a Commercial Fishing Industry Forum before the end of June 2012 to decide on the constitution, including roles and responsibilities, budget, staffing and other administrative matters.

That this Forum be chaired by an Independent Facilitator appointed by the DG of NSW DPI, and that up to five delegates from each of the 7 Commercial Fishing regions be invited to attend the Forum to make decisions in relation to the Peak Industry body.