



Position Statement #2 Renewal of senior staff in Fisheries Queensland

1. Introduction

A key issue facing commercial fishers in Queensland has been the seeming inability to influence the thinking of senior Fisheries Queensland officers.

The Association is seeking a complete renewal of senior staff within Fisheries Queensland.

2. Rationale

Industry has identified poor consultation processes¹ and an ongoing distrust of the senior staff within Fisheries Queensland that are simply executing political policy making rather than 'politics' free fisheries management².

3. Conclusion

3.1. Course of Action

A change in senior management within Fisheries Queensland.

3.2. Solution

A change of government may provide an opportunity to renew senior management within Fisheries Queensland.

4. Authorisation

The Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA) is the peak industry body representing the Queensland seafood industry. Our members include professional fishers, seafood processors, marketers, retailers and other business associated with the seafood industry. Our representation to members and the community at large is to promote the consumption of wild caught Queensland seafood.

¹ Correspondence sent to Minister Furner 7 February 2018 noted issues relating to vessel monitoring systems – 'The current industry feeling is of less 'consultation' and more 'you have no choice but to accept VMS'. Commercial fishers have been advised that current departmental processes will ensure VMS data is private' ([QSIA Submission](#), 3 June 2018).

² A comment from a commercial crab fisher to the Association' submission to its views on the quota allocation process, 'If the decision was really about sustainability then the working groups and the thoughts and ideas from the commercial fishermen really would have been listened to. Unfortunately, all decisions were made long before any consultation process happened' ([QSIA Submission](#), 3 May 2019).

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