



Commercial fishing in New South Wales

1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquire into and report on commercial fishing in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the history of commercial fishing in New South Wales, including reforms to the industry since 1994,
 - (b) the value of the commercial fishing industry to the New South Wales economy,
 - (c) the scientific research underpinning fisheries management,
 - (d) current arrangements for the assessment of fisheries by the NSW Department of Primary Industries Fisheries Resource Assessment Unit,
 - (e) the New South Wales Government's Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program and its aims, including:
 - (i) the relevance of the Draft Productivity Commission Report into Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture,
 - (ii) the implementation of the restructure to date,
 - (iii) the impact on industry and regional communities to date, including economic, social and cultural impacts,
 - (iv) the economic modelling underpinning the restructure and any independent analysis of that modelling,
 - (v) the approach of other jurisdictions.
2. That the Committee table an interim or final report by 28 February 2017.

Committee membership

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| The Hon Robert Brown MLC | Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party | <i>(Chair)</i> |
| The Hon Mick Veitch MLC | Australian Labor Party | <i>(Deputy Chair)</i> |
| The Hon Rick Colless MLC | The Nationals | |
| The Hon Justin Field MLC * | The Greens | |
| The Hon John Graham MLC* | Australian Labor Party | |
| Mr Scot MacDonald MLC | Liberal Party | |
| The Hon Greg Pearce MLC | Liberal Party | |

* Mr Justin Field is substituting for Mr Jeremy Buckingham for the duration of the inquiry.

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