

9 January 2017

**THE GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5 INQUIRY:
COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY IN NSW**

SUBJECT: ERROR IN STATEMENTS

The PFA would like to note an amendment to the statements made on its behalf at the Parliamentary Inquiry on Wednesday 14th December 2016.

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In regards to the employment period of the DPI Liaison Officers – although these periods were short timeframes we cannot say with confidence how long the employment periods were. I would therefore prefer to refer the length of employment to DPI for confirmation and note that it was short.

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In regards to the lack of feedback regarding the closing of the tender process and the non-formal advice. It has been brought to our attention that a meeting was held regarding the closing of the tender and not awarding of the tender to any applicant – the same reason as what we quoted to the committee (expense) was the reason given in this meeting. DPI also advised at the meeting that they did not believe the PFA could separate its lobbying capacity from the contract deliverables – this is even though the exact model that is used by the NTSC and WAFIC in the successful delivery of their long-standing consultation contracts was used. As well as numerous governance arrangements being put in place to ensure that this could not occur.