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INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMERCIAL FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

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A New South Wales Upper House committee has established an inquiry to consider the implementation of the recommendations made by the recent inquiry into commercial fishing in New South Wales.

In February 2017, the committee made 18 recommendations on the fisheries reform process via the Business Adjustment Program conducted by the Department of Primary Industries. A government response was received in March 2017 with all recommendations supported in principle.

The committee Chair, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, noted that “there is a need to maintain a watching brief on the progress of the reforms, including an examination of how successful or otherwise the Business Adjustment Program has been to date”.

“While we understand some of our recommendations cannot be implemented overnight, we are keen to make sure appropriate steps are being taken to address the challenges faced by the commercial fishing sector in New South Wales.”

Given the inquiry’s limited remit, it will not be accepting public submissions or holding public hearings. The committee expects to be updated on the progress of the reforms by the Minister for Primary Industries. The committee will report by September 2017.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, on 9230 2573.