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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.5 – INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT

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REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL FISHING INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT TABLED

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An Upper House committee has today tabled its review into the NSW Government's progress in implementing the 18 recommendations outlined within its 2017 report into the commercial fishing industry in New South Wales.

The report is based on a private briefing from the Minister for Primary Industries and senior government officials. The committee chose to conduct its review without seeking additional public submissions or holding hearings, having consulted widely during the earlier main inquiry. The committee also received periodic updates from the Minister.

The Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 5, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said: "The committee is broadly satisfied with the government's progress in implementing its recommendations. However, we reiterate our call to the government to ensure that no small or medium fishing business is unfairly impacted by the commercial fishing reform process. It is critical that the government provide comprehensive assistance and support to the industry to enable to transition to the new arrangements."

The report makes one recommendation to the government to urgently publish the findings of an assessment commissioned by the government looking into the impacts of the commercial fishing reform to date.

The committee's report and other inquiry documents can be found on the [committee's webpage](#).

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