
From: Alyce Umback
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 2:04 PM
To: Portfolio Committee 4
Subject: Re: Post-hearing responses - Inquiry into the commencement of the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 - 19 August 2022

Hi Sarah,

Thank you, back online and feeling much better.

I can confirm that the 24 matters (cases against individual persons) have been withdrawn by the Department since December 2009 were for Aboriginal people only.

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Kind regards,
Alyce

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Hi Alyce

I hope you are better and back in the office.

When do you think you will be able to get me a response to my follow up question below? Feel free to call me on 9230 3071.

Kind regards

Sarah

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Subject: RE: Post-hearing responses - Inquiry into the commencement of the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 - 19 August 2022

Hi Alyce

Thank you for this information. I am seeking a clarification for one of the answers to a QON – with regard to withdrawn prosecutions. As highlighted in yellow, the answer indicates 24 individuals.

Withdrawals of charges when matters proceed to court - how many matters have been withdrawn since s21AA assented to (December 2009) and the reasons why - transcript page 49

A total of 24 matters (cases against individual persons) have been withdrawn by the Department since December 2009.

Is this the number of withdrawn prosecutions for

Aboriginal people only or

The total of Aboriginal people, non-Aboriginal people, and those with Indigenous status unknown?

If it is a total, could we have a break down by Indigenous status?

Many thanks

Sarah

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Subject: Post-hearing responses - Inquiry into the commencement of the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 - 19 August 2022

Hi Sarah,

Please find attached the DPI responses to questions taken on notice at the 19 August Inquiry hearing, along with transcript corrections.

In relation to requests for additional information to inform the Committee's deliberations, DPI Fisheries and our Aboriginal Fisheries Business Development Program partners, (the Department of Regional NSW (Office of Regional Development), the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the NSW Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council, the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation), are pleased to advise that the new Aboriginal Fisheries Business Development Program was launched on 29 September 2022 (see also [media release](#)).

The new two-year Program aims to support the development and establishment of up to three new Aboriginal community owned fisheries businesses that will result in benefits flowing back to Aboriginal communities. These businesses can include aquaculture operations, commercial fishing, charter fishing, post-harvest processing, shark mitigation, aquatic-related tourism and hatcheries for freshwater fisheries.

An 8-week statewide Expression of Interest process is now open with applications accepted up until 5pm Friday 25 November 2022. The application form and Guidelines for Applicants are available at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aboriginal-fishing/aboriginal-fisheries-business-development-program>

To be eligible, applicants must be an Aboriginal community-owned entity or business and they are required to explain the social and economic benefits their participation will have for their communities. The program is part of the NSW Government's response to the Closing the Gap national targets, aiming to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's legal rights or interests in the sea.

The program partners will work with the successful applicants to prepare feasibility studies and business cases for their chosen business, before helping them explore funding and investment options. This collaborative program will also be used to develop business models that could easily be replicated across NSW and help businesses in other areas to be more successful. Existing Aboriginal commercial fisheries and aquaculture businesses are able to apply to the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund for funding support.

If you would like further information or have any questions on the above or attached, please let us know.

Kind regards,
Alyce

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