

Dear Torres Strait Stakeholder

As Chair of the Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) I am pleased to enclose a copy of the consultation paper on 'Resource allocation options for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery and the Finfish Fishery' for your consideration.

The consultation paper describes a number of options for the future development of Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster and Finfish fisheries and has been compiled specifically for consideration by Torres Strait fisheries stakeholders. Please note that this paper does not reflect PZJA policy but that the feedback received in this consultation period will be presented for consideration at PZJA 18 on 5-6 July 2005 to determine a way forward on these issues.

I have also included with the consultation paper a feedback sheet that I strongly encourage you to complete. The feedback sheet will enable you to provide comments and indicate your preferences from the options described in the consultation paper so that they can be presented to the PZJA for further consideration.

Please provide your comments to Ms Inga Davis, Policy Officer, Torres Strait Fisheries, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry by **5pm ON THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2005**. Comments can be provided by faxing the feedback sheet to (02) 6272 4875, emailing it to inga.davis@daff.gov.au, or returning it via post to:

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Note that mail from the Torres Strait can take up to a week to reach Canberra. Please keep this in mind if you intend to return the feedback sheet by post.

I look forward to receiving your preferences and comments on the options presented in the consultation paper.

Yours sincerely

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Ian Macdonald

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