

<b>TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Meeting 57 7-8 March 2012</b>
<b>Research</b> Full proposal Assessments 2012/2013	<b>Agenda Item No. 4.2 FOR DECISION</b>

## **PURPOSE**

That the TSSAC evaluate the full proposals submitted for consideration using agreed proposal evaluation pro-forma.

## **BACKGROUND**

At TSSAC 56 the Committee agreed to invite three researchers to submit full proposals for consideration (56.3.2.1). These proposals are:

1. *'Assessing long-term environmental change impacts on the Torres Strait tropical rock lobster fishery'* (PI Dr Darren Dennis (CSIRO)). Attachment 4.2B.
2. *'Smart phone technology for remote data collection in Torres Strait Traditional Inhabitant finfish fisheries'* (PI Dr Ben Chuwen (UTAS)). Attachment 4.2Ci and 4.2Cii.
3. *'Targeted Indigenous Community Consultation in the Torres Strait: gaining an understanding of Indigenous communities' perceptions regarding boat and gear length in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery'* (PI Mr Anthony DeFries (consultant)). Attachment 4.2D.

## **DISCUSSION**

The TSSAC should assess each full proposal against the criteria set out in the proposal evaluation pro-forma (Attachment 4.2A) and determine if the proposals are suitable to recommend to AFMA for funding.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Recommended research projects will need to be funded from the Torres Strait AFMA Research budget. Available budget will need to be monitored to ensure adequate funding. Alternative funding providers should be considered where appropriate.