



## DISPLACED EFFORT WORKING GROUP

### COMMUNIQUE — MEETING No. 2

Wednesday, 19 December 2007

10:00am – 3:00pm

Members of the Displaced Effort Working Group would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its second meeting held on Wednesday, 19 December 2007.

- The Working Group reviewed and endorsed its Terms of Reference and is looking forward to providing you advice on the intended policy, processes and mechanisms for managing the effects of any displaced commercial fishing and/or aquaculture effort.
- Members received an update on Marine Parks program, and in particular noted that expressions of interest for the Marine Parks Council of South Australia are being sought until 25 January 2008. Members agreed that the commercial fishing and aquaculture industries would promote the call for membership of suitably experienced applicants for your consideration.
- Members also noted the substantial fieldwork being undertaken by DEH to map habitats and conduct biodiversity surveys. Industry supports this work as the establishment of marine parks needs to be based on the best available science, prior to overlaying the social and economic values.
- Members noted DEH's proposed Summer Education Campaign as part of a broader industry and stakeholder engagement program, aimed at raising awareness of the diversity and value of our marine environments and our marine programs. Industry will reinforce to its members that this education campaign is not part of the formal consultation process for either marine park boundaries or the development of zoning arrangements.
- The Working Group was briefed on the process required to develop regulations. This was very informative and developed an appreciation that the timeframes for delivering some aspects of the work are outside DEH's direct control. However, the Working Group appreciates that every effort will be made to progress the drafting instructions as a priority. It will be mutually beneficial to have draft regulations, or at the very least Government endorsed drafting instructions, prepared and publicly available at the time of proclaiming marine park outer boundaries and commencing the formal consultation process.
- The Working Group has also reviewed a range of methods developed for managing displaced effort from other Australian jurisdictions. There was collective endorsement and support for DEH pursuing a market-based approach in the event that a

commercial fishing or aquaculture operation was to be displaced. The Working Group believes that the approach will need to be underpinned by agreed principles.

The Displaced Effort Working Group now seeks your approval to communicate these messages to our respective members and asks that the following documents be placed on DEH's Marine Parks website:

- Adopted Terms of Reference;
- Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting;
- Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting once ratified out of session.

The Working Group aims to complete preliminary drafting instructions and explanatory notes at its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 20 February 2008.

The Working Group recommends that the explanatory notes are made available on the DEH website as soon as Government has approved the drafting instructions as the basis for the preparation of regulations.

In addition the Working Group recommends that you seek Government endorsement of industry consultation for two weeks on the draft regulations, prior to their finalisation.