

## Provision of strategies and methods to improve Fisheries Queensland's effectiveness at engaging with commercial stakeholders

### Project Information Sheet

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#### *Who is conducting this research?*

This project is being conducted by the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) of the University of Technology Sydney and funded by Queensland's Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The University of Technology Sydney is an independent research and teaching institution, and the project team is made up of 5 researchers with longstanding involvement in fisheries research and policy development in Australia and internationally.

#### *Aims of the project*

The purpose of the research is to document historical experiences of engagement between Fisheries Queensland and commercial stakeholders **AND** to propose new ways and tools for improving communication, co-operation and ongoing relationships.

We intend to provide Fisheries Queensland with honest, clear recommendations that address these topics, based on our conversations with fishers across the state.

#### *What will we be doing?*

We plan to meet and discuss this project with professional fishing sector representative bodies, members of Fisheries Queensland working groups from the professional fishing sector, fishing, processing and wholesaling businesses, and individual operators.

We will be doing this via the phone, as well as visiting fishing centres in regional Queensland. We aim to discuss this work with a diverse range of people from the industry. For anyone we interview, we will want to find out information on, for example, how you communicate with Fisheries Queensland and with other members of the industry, what's working and what isn't, and how you think engagement processes between Fisheries Queensland and the commercial sector could be improved. We will put the records of these interviews together with public documents that detail Fisheries Queensland's engagement processes with the sector so far, to come up with our recommendations.

#### *Timeline*

We are currently discussing these topics with members of the industry throughout Queensland and will continue to do so until December 2018.

We aim to produce a final report to Fisheries Queensland by December 2018.

#### *How can I get involved?*

You can email the team directly to let us know you are interested to talk with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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