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GET SOME FISH ON YOUR DISH

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair today urged NSW residents to support our local seafood industry as they prepare for their Easter feasts.

“There’s nothing better than sitting around the table with family and friends and enjoying good quality, fresh seafood caught right here at home,” Mr Blair said.

“Buying local seafood helps support local employment and you have the benefit of a top quality product that has not been transported great distances to reach your dinner plate.”

Seafood is subject to stringent food safety laws applying from the moment the catch leaves the water, right through to the point of sale.

Commercial fishers, aquaculture producers, seafood wholesalers, processors, transporters, retailers, restaurants, cafes and other outlets are all required to comply with strict seafood handling requirements.

The NSW Food Authority will enforce penalties for false or incorrect labelling of seafood species, such as labelling a low cost species as a high value species.

“Buying local seafood from reputable suppliers means you can safely enjoy the best seafood from anywhere in NSW,” Mr Blair said.

“The top picks this Easter will be prawns, oysters, lobster, abalone, mullet, flathead, mackerel and snapper, with the Sydney Fish Markets expected to trade over 500 tonnes of fresh seafood on Good Friday alone.

Mr Blair also reassured consumers that NSW prawns remain safe to eat, following the discovery of white spot in wild prawns in south-east Queensland.

“NSW prawns are safe to eat and as always, will be popular this Easter.”

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