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INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING REFORMS ANNOUNCED

Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall has today announced an independent assessment of the socio-economic impacts of the NSW Government's Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program (BAP).

The BAP was designed to provide fishers with greater certainty and ensure the long term viability of the NSW commercial fishing industry.

Mr Marshall has appointed Professor Kate Barclay of the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney, to lead the project.

"Professor Barclay has a long history in researching social aspects of fisheries and is well placed to undertake the assessment," Mr Marshall said.

"This work will include consultation with fishers and will use an expert team to refine and deliver a survey suitable for monitoring social and economic impacts on an ongoing basis.

"We are committed to partnering with the industry to better understand and respond to the social and economic issues that impact fishers and I have met with industry representatives, including the Professional Fishermen's Association, who have highlighted this work as a priority for the industry."

The assessment is also delivering on a Government commitment to evaluate the social and economic impacts of the BAP, made in response to a 2017 parliamentary inquiry into the state's commercial fishing industry.

Dr Barclay is expected to deliver her initial findings to the NSW Government by the end of the year. These findings will help Government understand and monitor the social and economic impact of the BAP.

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