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Mr Stuart Richey AM
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Dear Mr Richey

I am writing to you to provide an update on the Mulloway recovery program.

I acknowledge the progress made by CommFish NSW to date, in particular the formation of a working group to develop an industry position on the performance of the Mulloway recovery program. I expect the working group will be meeting shortly and will be providing feedback to CommFish NSW by end of January 2018.

I would like to advise CommFish that I have received advice from RFNSW regarding their position on the Mulloway recovery program and that I look forward to receiving recommendations from Commfish NSW following your next meeting March 2018.

It is essential that I consider the advice provided by all my relevant advisory bodies and their associated working groups prior to making any commitments to change the current management arrangements for mulloway fishing.

However, I would like to emphasise that I expect both Councils to provide recommendations that are serious steps towards restoring mulloway stocks, otherwise I reserve the right to make further changes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and should you wish to discuss further please contact Mr David McPherson, Group Director Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture (02) 6691 9680.

Yours sincerely

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