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Complete this form if you want to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for a new lease in marine waters.

To find out more, go to the application for aquaculture lease information kit at dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/forms/lease-based

1. Applicant details

Details required	Give details in space provided
Name of applicant (or company name if applicable)	
Mailing address for all correspondence	Address Suburb State Postcode
Physical address (cannot be a PO Box)	Address Suburb State Postcode
Preferred contact person	
Phone number for preferred contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Number: _____ If a mobile is provided, do you authorise for the mobile number to be used for SMS alerts? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email address for preferred contact	

2. Investigations and discussion

You must review the [NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy](#) before you submit this EOI. It will provide you with guidance on best practice and the planning and approval processes.

We recommended that you discuss your EOI with us before you submit it. Please call 1300 603 845 or email aquaculture.management@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Have you reviewed the NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you had a discussion with someone at DPIRD about your EOI?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Details of the proposed lease/s

For each lease, a map must be attached showing the approximate location.

Location	Approximate area (in hectares)

4. Preliminary assessment in line with NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy (MWSAS)

4.1 Site constraints - MWSAS section 3.1

Tick yes or no for each question, then attach evidence of how you have considered each question. You can use the relevant spatial databases to create maps for your response.

You must show how each constraint has been considered and where such constraints may exist.

Some useful databases include (but are not limited to):

The [Australasian Underwater Cultural Heritage Database](#)

The [Native Title Vision](#)

The [NSW Fisheries Spatial Portal](#)

The [Protected Matters search tool](#)

The NSW [SEED data portal](#)

- A. Is the proposed lease within land reserved or acquired under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, nature reserves, Aboriginal or European historic sites?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- B. Is the proposed lease within marine park sanctuary zones (or equivalent) or aquatic reserves?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- C. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of sewage outfall pipelines or protection zones for submarine communication cables?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- D. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of navigation channels and established shipping port approaches?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- E. Is the proposed lease within Department of Defence operational areas (for example, Naval Trace area at Jervis Bay)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- F. Is the proposed lease located over rocky reefs (as defined by NSW DPI)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- G. Is the proposed lease located over seagrass beds (as defined by NSW DPI)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- H. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of maritime heritage items (for example, historic plane and shipwrecks)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of purposefully constructed artificial reefs?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- J. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of marine infrastructure (for example, moorings, boat ramps, and marinas) and monitoring equipment (for example, Wave rider buoys)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- K. Is the proposed culture species to be spawned from the endemic population or from broodstock originating from the east coast of Australia?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- L. Will the proposed lease have sufficient biosecurity separation distances from existing operational leases and farming operations?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

4.2 Compatibility with commercial, recreational, aboriginal fishing, recreational boating, and tourism – MWSAS section 3.2.1 item 12.1

You must explain your answers for both questions in an attachment.

- M. Would undertaking aquaculture operations on the proposed lease unduly impact fishing, recreational boating and/or tourism activities in the region surrounding the proposed site?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- N. Would undertaking aquaculture operations on the proposed lease unduly impede navigation to and from important fishing, recreational boating, and tourism sites?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

4.3 Suitability of the proposed infrastructure for the environmental conditions at the site – MWSAS section 3.2.17 items 17.1 and 17.2

You must provide as much detailed information as possible about infrastructure design, manufacturer, loading capacity, current uses elsewhere, any accreditation, warranties, etc.

- O. Will the infrastructure used to undertake the aquaculture on the proposed lease be designed and developed with proven technologies, established engineering knowledge, and computerized models, and purchased from an established supplier or constructed under the guidance of a marine engineer?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- P. Will the infrastructure used to undertake the aquaculture on the proposed lease be designed to withstand the recorded or modelled maximums for wave height, tidal range, swell and wind speed?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Plans to be included

Include the following plans of the proposed lease.

- ☐ A detailed map of the proposed lease showing the approximate location, proposed dimensions and estimated distance from:
- shore.
 - prominent coastal features for example, a headland.
 - the nearest aquaculture leases.
- ☐ A regional plan showing nearest town and roads.

6. Applicant declaration

All applicants must sign the declaration.

An application lodged by a company must be signed by two directors, or one director and a secretary. If the company is a sole director company, then the sole director must state this next to their name.

I/We, the undersigned:

- Have the authority to make this application.
- Acknowledge that all the information provided in this application is true and correct.
- Understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

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7. Submitting your application

- Mail: DPIRD Aquaculture Administration, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay NSW 2315
- Email: aquaculture.administration@dpird.nsw.gov.au
- Phone: Aquaculture Administration 1300 603 845

8. What happens now?

Following an initial assessment to determine if the area may be suitable for aquaculture, the Department will publish the proposed lease on the department's website and the NSW Government Gazette to determine if there are any objections to the proposed lease.

If, after considering any objections, the Department decides to progress the EOI, the proposed lease will be offered in the next lease tender process in line with current policy.

For more information on the tender process, go to [Lease Notifications & Tenders \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/lease-notifications-tenders).

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