



## Aquaculture Lease Tender FAQs

The following information will assist farmers should they wish to participate in the aquaculture lease tender that NSW DPI runs biannually.

### What is an Aquaculture Lease Tender?

NSW DPI offers existing and new lease areas for the purpose of aquaculture via a competitive tender process.

NSW DPI runs the competitive tender process twice a year, in March/April and in September/October.

A competitive process ensures a fair and equal opportunity for all participants and also ensures that returns to the State are maximised.

### What do I require in order to participate in the tender process?

To participate in the tender process, you must:

- hold a current aquaculture permit; or
- have previously submitted an application for an aquaculture permit, which has been assessed and approved in principle; or
- have an agreement in place with a current aquaculture permit holder to sublet the lease(s) you intend to tender for.

### What do I need to do to participate in the tender process?

To participate in the tender, you must complete and submit **Section E** of the **Request for Tender** document, as per the instructions provided in the Request for Tender document.

### Where do I send my tender?

Tenders must be submitted by post or email only.

#### Post:

Confidential – Tender Aquaculture Leases  
TENDER BOX  
NSW Department of Primary Industries  
Locked Bag 1  
NELSON BAY NSW 2315

#### Email:

Subject line must read "Confidential – Tender Aquaculture Leases".

[aquaculture.tenderbox@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aquaculture.tenderbox@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

All tenders **must be** received by the closing date and time specified in the Request for Tender.

## How does NSW DPI assess the tenders received for the leases being offered?

An Aquaculture Lease Tender Committee (ALTC) reviews all tenders received before the closing date and time. The conforming tender that offers the highest premium for each lease will be accepted as the successful tender.

## What is a conforming tender?

For a tender to be assessed as conforming, a tenderer must:

- comply with the Terms and Conditions of the tender; and
- not be a disqualified person/company from holding an aquaculture permit; and
- not have outstanding debt payable to NSW DPI in relation to any aquaculture lease or permit they hold; and
- not have a poor record of managing one or more other leased areas (e.g. have outstanding clean-up issues on a terminated lease previously held by the tenderer).

## If my tender for a lease is successful, am I guaranteed that lease area?

Not necessarily. A successful tenderer may need to seek other consents / approvals for a proposed lease that they have successfully tendered for, e.g. Landowner's Consent and/or Council approval through a Development Application process for a new lease area.

NSW DPI does not guarantee that any consent or approval will be granted by other agencies / authorities.

Further information on the consents / approvals that may be required for each lease being offered can be found in **Section B** of the Request for Tender.

## Should I treat the details of my tender as confidential?

Absolutely. Tender participants should not discuss the details of their tender with other potential tenderers. Sharing tender information with other tenderers compromises the integrity of the tender process and is discouraged by NSW DPI.

## For more information

Visit NSW DPI's website at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/aquaculture-leases](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/aquaculture-leases).

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