



## Commercial Fisheries Business Efficiency Program Consultation

### Paper 5: Real time reporting – line fishing (eastern zone)

#### What is being reviewed?

The real time quota reporting requirements that apply to commercial fishers in the line fishing (eastern zone) sector.

Under current arrangements, line fishing (eastern zone) endorsement holders are required to make a final catch report within 3 hours of making a catch estimate report.

#### What is proposed?

It is proposed to increase the time to make a final catch report from 3 hours to 6 hours in the line fishing (eastern zone) sector of the Ocean Trap & Line Fishery.

#### Why the change?

Increasing the time to make a final catch report will give fishers more time to unload, weigh and make an accurate final catch report.

Benefits from the proposed changes include reduced regulatory burden (or 'red-tape') on industry and importantly, to enable fishers to focus on maintaining product quality to maximise profitability without compromising the integrity of the quota system.

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