

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR NEW LEASE OUTSIDE POAA

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Complete this form if you want to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for a new lease outside a priority oyster aquaculture area (POAA).

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

### 1. Is the proposed lease outside a priority oyster aquaculture area?

You can check this on the [Fisheries Spatial Data Portal \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Fisheries Spatial Data Portal (nsw.gov.au)) or contact us on 1300 603 845.

☐ Yes - please complete this form.

☐ No – please complete the expression of interest for a new lease in POAA form -  
[dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/forms/lease-based](http://dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/forms/lease-based)

### 2. Applicant details

Details required	Give details in space provided
<b>Name of applicant</b> (or company name if applicable)	
<b>Mailing address for all correspondence</b>	Address Suburb State Postcode
<b>Physical address</b> (cannot be a PO Box)	Address Suburb State Postcode
<b>Preferred contact person</b>	
<b>Phone number for preferred contact</b>	<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

Details required	Give details in space provided
Email address for preferred contact	

### 3. Lease details

Complete this table if the proposed lease is over a former lease.

Details required	Give details in space provided
Former lease number (if known)	
Estuary	
Approximate area (in hectares)	
Are you applying for the entire former lease?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – you must attach to this form a map or sketch of the proposed lease that shows the approximate boundaries.

Complete this table if the proposed lease is over new ground. You must attach to this form a map of the proposed lease that shows the approximate boundaries.

Details required	Give details in space provided
Estuary	
Approximate area (in hectares)	

### 4. Assessment criteria for a new priority aquaculture area in NSW

Is the proposed lease in any of these areas?

NAVIGATION	YES / NO
Within an identified navigation channel as marked by the Transport for NSW (except dredge bed leases).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Directly offshore from, or 50 m to either side of any public wharf or public boat ramp. Greater distances may be required in high use areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Directly offshore from, or 50 m to either side of, any public or privately operated marina. Greater distances may be required in high use areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Within a recognised mooring area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 50 m of an area identified by Transport for NSW as a specific watercraft operation area. Greater distances may be required in high use areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>CONSERVATION AREAS</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
Within any areas identified as “coastal wetlands” on the Coastal Wetlands and Littoral Rainforests Area Map in State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 (CM SEPP 2018) if oyster aquaculture is likely to have significant adverse impacts on the wetland.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
In an area mapped as “Posidonia” seagrass bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
In an area where oyster aquaculture is likely to have a significant adverse impact on matters of national environmental significance under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Not in an area declared as an Aquatic Reserve under Part 6 of the <i>FM Act</i> if oyster aquaculture is likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation values of the Reserve.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Only within areas within a Marine Park that identify oyster aquaculture as a permitted activity.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within an area if oyster aquaculture is likely to have significant adverse impacts on threatened species or habitats listed under Part 7A of the <i>FM Act</i> or under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the National Park estate unless it has the planning approval of the relevant authority and the written concurrence of the Minister administering the <i>NPW Act</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Immediately adjacent to any area reserved or acquired under the <i>NPW Act</i> if oyster aquaculture is likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation values of the area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>HERITAGE</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
Within over or adjacent to any area likely to adversely affect items listed on the State Heritage Inventory e.g. shipwrecks.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>ABORIGINAL HERITAGE</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
Within, over or adjacent to sites/places of regional or national aboriginal significance without consultation and endorsement by the local Aboriginal community.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>

Within any areas classified as a Prohibited (Closed Safety) under the NSW Shellfish Program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>COMMERCIAL FISHING</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
Within a commercial net hauling ground recognised in a Fisheries Management Strategy made under the <i>FM Act</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
Directly offshore from, or 50 m to either side of, an area managed for public recreation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Within 50 m of an area identified by the Transport for NSW as a designated swimming area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>YES / NO</b>
Over any area deemed as commercially non-viable for oyster aquaculture or not in the public interest.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Note:** new leases in these areas will require additional approvals and a more detailed level of assessment. Contact NSW DPI on 02 4916 3900 for further information.

## 5. Environmental impacts and assessment

The following section looks at the potential environmental impact that may be caused by the proposal. For assistance in completing this section, contact us on 1300 603 845.

### 1. Marine vegetation (seagrass, mangroves, saltmarsh).

a. Indicate the presence of the following on the proposed lease.

<b>Mangroves</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> within proposed lease	<input type="checkbox"/> adjacent to proposed lease Distance _____metres
<b>Seagrass</b> Zostera (eelgrass)	<input type="checkbox"/> within proposed lease	<input type="checkbox"/> adjacent to proposed lease Distance _____metres
<b>Seagrass</b> Posidonia (strapweed)	<input type="checkbox"/> within proposed lease	<input type="checkbox"/> adjacent to proposed lease Distance _____metres
<b>Seagrass</b> Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> within proposed lease	<input type="checkbox"/> adjacent to proposed lease Distance _____metres
<b>Saltmarsh</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> within proposed lease	<input type="checkbox"/> adjacent to proposed lease

		Distance _____metres
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b. What is the likely impact on any marine vegetation?

c. What is the expected level of impact on marine vegetation?

☐ nil
☐ low
☐ medium
☐ high

## 2. Birds, fish, turtles and marine mammals and their habitat.

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil
☐ low
☐ medium
☐ high

## 3. Ecosystem of the locality including critical habitats, threatened species and ecological communities.

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil
☐ low
☐ medium
☐ high

## 4. Human community and existing oyster cultivation.

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil
☐ low
☐ medium
☐ high

## 5. Transforming a locality (changing the natural features of an area).

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil
☐ low
☐ medium
☐ high

**6. Causing a loss of the aesthetic, recreational, cultural, scientific, or other environmental quality or value of the locality.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**7. Locality, place, or building having aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, cultural, historical, scientific, or social significance, or other special value for the present or future generations.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**8. Causing any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**9. Placing any increased demands on resources, natural or otherwise, which are likely to become short in supply.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**10. Causing any degradation of the quality of the environment.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**11. Causing any pollution of the environment.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**12. Causing any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**13. Causing any long-term effects on the environment.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**14. Any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

**15. Causing any risk to the safety of the environment.**

a. What is the likely impact?

b. What is the expected level?

☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

## 6. Proposed environmental safeguards

List and describe any safeguards that are proposed to protect the environment from the proposed activity or to mitigate any of the likely impacts. You may refer to OISAS best practice standards and commitments to environmentally sustainable practice.

## 7. 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:

- Are authorised 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.

Applicant name	Applicant signature	Date

## 8. Submitting your application

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

## 9. What happens now?

Following an initial assessment to determine if the area is suitable for aquaculture, the Department may offer the proposed lease via a competitive public tender 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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