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Mr Stuart Richey AM
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Dear Mr Richey

I am pleased to receive the advice of the Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council, and to hear that the Council continues to have productive meetings.

I wish to thank you and Council members for your time and consideration of a range of issues and associated industry views. The recommendations of the Council will greatly assist the development of regulation to support the implementation of catch and effort quota management in those share classes that are yet to make this important transition.

I accept the recommendations of the Council in regard to the industry consultation that was done on the rules that will apply in specific fisheries in the near future. I will instruct the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries, to pursue regulation amendments to give effect to these matters.

I would also like take the opportunity to thank the Council for their valuable contribution to numerous other issues including the Mulloway Recovery Program, Work Health and Safety and Penalty Demerit System that I am advised will all continue to be standing agenda items for the Council.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further Mr Darren Reynolds, the Acting Group Director of Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture in DPI Fisheries, can be contacted on (02) 6691 9680.

Yours sincerely

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