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Dear Mr Richey

Stuart

Thank you for your letter of 9 January 2017 on behalf the Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council (CommFish NSW) concerning the final draft of the investment statement produced and supported by the Council.

I approve the draft Investment Statement as submitted and support release of a final version to the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) website. This Investment Statement will assist industry and the community understand the investment priorities for the Trust fund and will assist me in fulfilling my statutory obligations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my support for Council members to engage with stakeholders at regional locations where possible and practical to do so. It is very important that the workings of the Council are transparent and industry and the community have opportunities to interact with the Council.

Please pass on my thanks to the Council members for their time, the quality advice being provided and the excellent progress made in 2017. I look forward to attending future meetings where I can.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr David McPherson, Group Director Commercial Fisheries and Aquaculture DPI Fisheries, on (02) 6691 9680.

Yours sincerely

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