

FISHERIES COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Hon. Jay Weatherill, MP
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Dear Premier,

Re: Correspondence, Boards and Committees

At the Fisheries Council meeting of South Australia meeting on Monday 8th September your correspondence of 8th July in relation to Boards and committees was considered.

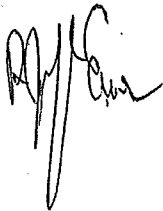
Council members agreed that a submission should be made in response to your letter. In your letter, two areas were highlighted that will help to inform the Government's decision on whether a Board or Committee would be considered exempt from being abolished. These were efficiency and independence.

The *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act) reformed the way in which fisheries management is undertaken in South Australia. The Act was the vehicle set up an expertise based advisory body (the Fisheries Council of South Australia) aimed at maintaining the highest possible level of trust and confidence in your government's management of the Fisheries in this state.

This was a significant move away from industry based advisory committees and one that was very well received by the public. The board operates at a strategic level and within the requirements of the Act advises the Minister on the long term plan and annual operating plan, ensuring openness, transparency and accountability at all times. The independent nature of the Fisheries Council, which includes expert stakeholder representation, adds another layer in maintaining public confidence in the management of South Australia's aquatic resources.

The significant work load is managed within limited resources and seen significant effort on behalf of the directors. Should you wish to review the Act at some point in the future I could provide you with a more extensive report on the Council.

Yours sincerely



Rory McEwen
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Hon Jay Weatherill MP
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Hon Rory McEwen
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Dear Mr McEwen

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2014 to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, about the Boards and Committees reform.

Your letter has been sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, the Hon Leon Bignell MP, as he has been asked to provide advice to Cabinet on the future of your board or committee.

Should you have any queries about your letter, please contact the Minister's office on telephone 8226 1210.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jay Weatherill', written in a cursive style.

**Premier's Correspondence Unit
Office of the Premier**

19 September 2014

cc: Office of the Hon Leon Bignell MP, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries