



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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IMPROVING BUSINESS EFFICIENCY FOR NSW COMMERCIAL FISHING SECTOR

Fishers in Hawkesbury are invited to provide feedback on ways to improve their business efficiency, including identifying any rules and regulations that are no longer needed following major industry reform in recent years.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said that as a result of the introduction of new management arrangements in NSW, there is potential to remove rules that have become out of date, redundant or superseded.

“The NSW commercial fishing industry has undergone enormous change in recent years and the regulatory review is a great opportunity for local fishers to have their say about remaining red tape in the sector,” Ms. Preston said.

“We know that outdated regulations create a regulatory burden for fishers and severely impact their business viability.

“That’s why it’s important that these unnecessary rules are removed, ensuring that the commercial fishing industry can get on with the job of providing fresh NSW seafood to the consumer”.

Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall said the NSW Government has partnered with the industry, through the NSW Seafood Industry Council, to undertake consultation with fishers and industry participants.

“This government is committed to supporting a profitable and sustainable commercial fishing sector and is seeking feedback from commercial fishers, recreational fishers and anyone else with an interest in commercial fishing,” Mr Marshall said.

Community feedback on commercial fishing regulations will be considered by relevant Ministerial Advisory Councils and the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

To make a submission, or for more information on the review, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/business-efficiency. Submissions close 1 May 2020.

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