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The Hon Robert Brown MLC
Chair
Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport
Parliament House
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Brown

I am writing to advise you of my intention to make the Fisheries Management Legislation Amendment (Spanner Crab) Regulation 2018. This is the fifth in a series of regulations to implement the commercial fisheries reforms.

The Fisheries Management Legislation Amendment (Spanner Crab) Regulation 2018 will:

- (a) make provision for implementing quota management and real time reporting requirements in respect of spanner crab quota in the Ocean Trap and Line (OTL) share management fishery, including:
 - i. to require a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determination to be made for spanner crab in the OTL fishery;
 - ii. to require the Secretary to allocate the TAC determination for spanner crab as quota among the holders of spanner crab quota shares;
 - iii. to provide for the transfer of spanner crab quota among relevant shareholders;
 - iv. to set out the real time reporting requirements in respect of spanner crab;
 - v. to make provision for bag limits for spanner crab taken in other share classes and the southern fish trawl restricted fishery to protect the integrity of the spanner crab quota.
- (b) make provision for the Secretary to approve premises for the purpose of allowing endorsement holders in the Estuary General (EG) share management fishery to enter the approved premises to weigh a catch before reporting the catch.

Point (b) above has arisen from constructive consultation between the department and some fishermen's co-operatives looking to improve services for their members and further simplify arrangements in ways that will have practical and real benefits for fishers, without compromising quota management.

The proposed Regulation is an important component in implementing the commercial fisheries reforms. In May 2016 the NSW Government announced the Business Adjustment Program (BAP), with a key focus on linking shares to resource access.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Miranda Pade, Senior Policy Advisor in my office on (02) 8574 7167.

Yours sincerely

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