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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 Regulation 2018 (the proposed Regulation). This is the sixth in a series of regulations to implement the commercial fisheries reform program.

The proposed Regulation will:

- a) Provide the circumstances in which a person does not commit an offence in relation to removing or possessing shark fins. There is no change to current policy.
- b) Specify which owners of fishing boats will require a commercial fishing boat licence and make provision for fishing boat licences and boat markings. This removes the requirement for many boats to have a licence, in line with previous commitments. I have also asked that CommFish review commercial fishing boat licencing in general to see whether they are needed.
- c) Remove provisions relating to the registration of crew.
- d) Provide that a shareholder cannot make an appeal to the Share Appeal Panel in relation to new quota shares if they have already transferred the shares to another person.
- e) Amend provisions relating to the transfer of quota and quota shares, to ensure that shareholders can only hold quota when also holding quota or access shares.
- f) Remove reporting obligations for commercial fishing activities from the Fisheries Administration Ministerial Corporation and place them on commercial fishers operating under Aboriginal fishing assistance programs.

The proposed Regulation is an important component in implementing the commercial fisheries reforms announced by the NSW Government in May 2016.

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

Yours sincerely

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