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Dear Mr Ham

**Decision Regulatory Impact Statement – Proposed amendments to the *Fisheries Regulation 2008***

Thank you for your enquiry of 10 November 2015 regarding the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS): *Proposed changes to the Queensland Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme and other matters related to freshwater fishing.*

We understand the Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP) Scheme is a user-pays system for recreational anglers wishing to fish in designated stocked dams within Queensland. The SIP Scheme is administered under the *Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* (the Regulation). The purpose of the changes is to address issues related to management arrangements for, and potential to expand, the SIP Scheme. Proposed amendments to the Regulation aim to:

- Expand the SIP Scheme to include additional specific weirs and impoundments
- Require that all adults over 18 years hold their own permit

Fisheries Queensland has sought stakeholder and community feedback on these options through a Consultation RIS.

Public comment was also requested on issues related to the price of SIP Permits, disbursement of funds from the SIP Scheme and potential for expansion of commercial fishing for freshwater species in Queensland. No further regulatory amendments are required, as changes to existing guidelines for the operation of the SIP Scheme will implement these further outcomes of the Consultation RIS.

There were 294 submissions to the Consultation RIS, from individual recreational anglers (85%), as well as volunteer fish stocking associations, peak recreational and sport fishing groups and other individuals. Following the incorporation of feedback, the Consultation RIS was finalised as a Decision RIS.

The purpose of a Decision RIS is to inform the decision maker of submissions received during consultation and how those views were taken into consideration in developing the final recommendations. We note that since the release of the Consultation RIS on 18 December 2014 Fisheries Queensland has made only minor amendments to the preferred regulatory options.

In assessing the Decision RIS, we consider that the Department has summarised the key issues raised in submissions to the Consultation RIS and responded to these issues where appropriate. We therefore consider that it is adequate to support the regulatory proposal.

Please provide the Queensland Productivity Commission with a final copy of the Decision RIS and advise of any material changes prior to publication. Please also advise when the RIS has been published by the Department. In accordance with the Treasurer's Guidelines, the RIS and this letter of adequacy will also be published on the Queensland Productivity Commission's website at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Decision RIS. Please contact Christine Tozer, Senior Analyst on (07) 3015 5124 if you require any additional information or guidance in relation to the above comments or the RIS guidelines in general.

Yours sincerely



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