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Dear Mr Conway

I am writing to inform you that the National Fisheries Plan has now been released.

I thank ARFF's constructive and collaborative engagement in the development of this significant plan for the sustainable growth and development of Australia's fishing, aquaculture and seafood community. The establishment of a framework to support all sectors with opportunities to grow, innovate and adapt to new challenges is an achievement that we should all be proud of.

We carefully considered all feedback received through our consultation processes and aimed to represent the aspirations of all sectors in this final version. In response to recreational fisher feedback, the National Fisheries Plan includes a specific priority area about recognising the economic and social benefits of recreational fishing, which outlines initiatives aimed to promote Australia as a great recreational fishing destination.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Plan for your reference, and it is also available on my department's website at awe.gov.au/national-fisheries-plan.

My department will now establish a governance arrangement for all jurisdictions to work collaboratively with key fishing representative bodies such as Seafood Industry Australia, the FRDC Indigenous Reference Group and ARFF to develop an implementation framework that will guide the plan's execution to achieve its targets. Departmental officials will be in contact to seek your participation in this arrangement.

I look forward to working with ARFF as we seek to implement the National Fisheries Plan. I would be grateful if you could share this letter with ARFF members.

Yours sincerely

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