



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY**

Inquiry into the Role of Science for Fisheries and Aquaculture

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## **Inquiry into the Role of Science for Fisheries and Aquaculture — Townsville public hearings —**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will hold a public hearing in Townsville on 31 July 2012, for its inquiry into the role of science for the future of fisheries and aquaculture.

The Committee will hear evidence from representatives of research institutes, industry bodies and government agencies. A complete program can be found on the Committee's webpage: <http://www.aph.gov.au/arff>.

**LOCATION: Townsville City Council Chambers, Walker Street TOWNSVILLE**

**DATE: Tuesday 31 July**

**TIME: 10.00am to 2.50pm**

Terms of Reference for the inquiry include:

- a) the relationship between scientific knowledge of fish species, ecosystems, biodiversity and fish stock sustainability;
- b) fishery management and biosecurity;
- c) research, development and applied science of aquaculture;
- d) governance arrangements relating to fisheries and aquaculture, including the implications for sustainability and industry development; and
- e) current initiatives and responses to the above matters by state, territory and Australian governments.

Members of the public are warmly encouraged to attend to the hearings. Further information can be found on the Committee's website.

Persons and organisations interested in making a submission to the inquiry should contact the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Committee would prefer submissions to be sent electronically to [arff.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:arff.reps@aph.gov.au). Submitters are encouraged to read the information on preparing a submission available on the committee website before lodging their submission.

**For media comment:** please contact the Committee Chair, the Hon Dick Adams MP, on (03) 6398 1115 or email [D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au)

**Further information:** contact the Inquiry Secretary (02) 6277 4500, email [arff.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:arff.reps@aph.gov.au) or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/arff>