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Chair: Hon Warren Entsch MP

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Opportunities for Expanding the Aquaculture Industry in Northern Australia: Canberra Hearing

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) will appear before the Northern Australia Committee in Canberra on Tuesday, 10 November as part of the inquiry into opportunities to expand the aquaculture industry in Northern Australia.

The hearing will focus on the approvals process and requirements for new aquaculture projects in areas adjoining the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, said: 'The Committee has received evidence in Brisbane from the GBRMPA, and subsequently from the CSIRO and the Department of the Environment, about the approvals process and the environmental requirements for a new prawn farm venture at Guthalungra, North Queensland. The Committee will seek further information from the GBRMPA on this matter.'

The GBRMPA is responsible for providing advice to the Department of the Environment when developments are proposed which could impact on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* is triggered.

Where: Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra

When: Tuesday, 10 November 2015, 6.00 pm to 6.40 pm

PROGRAM

6.00 pm Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Hearing programs are available at: www.aph.gov.au/jscna

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