



## **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 — public hearing —**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will hold public hearings this Monday 20 August for its inquiry into the role of science for fisheries and aquaculture.

The Committee will hear evidence from representatives of Agri-science Queensland, Food Standards Australia and New Zealand, the Australian Museum and the Commonwealth Fisheries Association, commencing at 8:30am in Committee Room 1R6 at Parliament House in Canberra.

Agri-science Queensland (within the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) provides research and development services for the food and fibre industries.

The Australian Museum is one of the oldest natural history museums in the world, with considerable research capacity and biological collections dating back 180 years.

Food Standards Australia and New Zealand regulates the supply of food in Australia and New Zealand by making food standards.

The Commonwealth Fisheries Association advocates on behalf of the commercial fishing industry operating in Commonwealth-regulated fisheries.

Further hearings are planned for Wednesday 22 August, details of which are on the Committee's website and an announcement will be made in due course.

The Committee encourages members of the public to attend.

Terms of Reference for the inquiry include:

- the relationship between scientific knowledge of fish species, ecosystems, biodiversity and fish stock sustainability;
- fishery management and biosecurity
- research, development and applied science of aquaculture
- governance arrangements relating to fisheries and aquaculture

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