



BOWEN COLLINSVILLE ENTERPRISE

15 July 2002

The Secretary,
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References
Committee
Suite S1.61, Parliament House
CANBERRA, ACT 2600

Dear Sir / Madam:

RE: Submission to Enquiry into Small Business Employment

I would like to make a submission to the enquiry into Small Business Employment, and in doing so raise the ongoing regulatory impediments to the development of the Aquaculture Industry in North Queensland.

There is duplication of regulatory effort between the Commonwealth and QLD State Government agencies, with a requirement for aquaculture project proponents to seek numerous approvals from a large number of agencies which have inconsistent requirements.

As a regional area with significant potential for future aquaculture development, the current impasse between State and Commonwealth Agencies on aquaculture regulations is costing our Shire jobs, as proponents perceive it to be too hard to get approvals for aquaculture projects in North QLD, and instead choose to take their projects interstate or overseas.

The issues are discussed in the attached document.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Nebauer' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

David Nebauer
Manager
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