

Sydney Fish Market

**Submission to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
RE: Offshore renewable energy infrastructure area proposal: Pacific Ocean off Illawarra Region**

Background – Sydney Fish Market

Sydney Fish Market (SFM) is an institution in the Australian seafood industry, providing a secure and reliable marketplace for Australian seafood since 1966.

SFM first operated as a wholesale fish market by the Fish Marketing Authority, a state-run body. 1994 saw the significant transformation of SFM's structure, as the New South Wales Government privatised the marketing of seafood, and Sydney Fish Market Pty Ltd was formed. Since 1994, SFM has been owned equally by the harvest and post-harvest sectors of the NSW seafood industry - the Catchers Trust of NSW and SFM Tenants and Merchants Pty Ltd.

SFM operates a wholesale auction and working fish market, hosting six seafood retailers offering Australia's biggest variety of fresh seafood alongside a range of other produce retailers, restaurants and cafes. It is the largest market of its kind in the southern hemisphere, trading over 100 different seafood species each day and attracting up to 3 million local, interstate, and international visits per

Australian fisheries are exceptionally well managed, operating within a tightly regulated framework which accounts for sustainability of the resource, minimising impacts on the marine environment and maintaining the livelihoods of professional fishers who supply seafood to the Australian community. While we recognise the environmental benefit of renewable energy, it should not be at the loss of an industry which provides one of the lowest carbon producing proteins available.

Therefore, the Australian Government and prospective developers need to consult closely with the commercial fishing industry to ensure minimal impact and effective marine spatial planning. Given the vast expanse of land in Australia, we believe onshore windfarm zones should be considered preferable, but in the instance offshore marine windfarms and the fishing industry must co

Impacts and Concerns

Viability of the Wollongong Fishermen's Cooperative

Wollongong Fishermen's Co-operative plays an important role facilitating the livelihoods of o fac o fac o faceo 1 Tf-OS

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