



## National RD&E Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture

Boosting profitability, productivity and sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture through highly efficient and collaborative RD&E services

### Communiqué 3, 22nd December 2009

This communiqué informs stakeholders on:

- Consultation activities during October and November,
- Progress on the draft Fisheries and Aquaculture RD&E strategy, and
- How to provide feedback on the draft

#### Consultation activities

During October and November the working group has held meetings with the strategy leadership group, heads of key research agencies, and Universities Australia. A second broad stakeholder workshop was held in Adelaide on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Forty-two participants including directors of fisheries, fisheries managers, industry, researchers, research agencies, extension, the university sector, research funders and managers, and emerging industry leaders attended.

Outcomes from the meeting:

Advice provided by participants on capability audit and sector overview has been taken on board by the consultants undertaking these aspects of the work.

National research themes and research topics have been refined based on feedback by stakeholders

Definitions of Strategic Research, Adaptive Development and Extension to address jurisdictional concerns over the scope of the strategy, and how legislative and strategic research will be addressed have been developed and confirmed

Agreement has been reached on industry and stakeholder terminology

Responding to stakeholders' advice the strategy working group has redeveloped the proposed implementation structure to ensure that it builds on current structures where it can - rather than creating new ones, minimises complexity, and incorporates both regional and national approaches

Agreement was reached that while not all stakeholders' aspirations for change will be met in the immediate future, the strategy document is a start, and that further development will occur as part of the ongoing monitoring and reviewing of the strategy.

#### Progress

Stakeholder advice has been incorporated and the draft Strategy document presented at the Adelaide workshop has been updated. The capability audit is being finalised and work has commenced on the capability analysis against future research needs. The sector overview is close to completion.

Reports on both of these activities will be published as stand-alone reports with key information summarised in the strategy.

#### How to provide feedback on the draft Strategy

The draft Fisheries and Aquaculture Strategy document is available for download at: [www.frdc.com.au/research/national-framework](http://www.frdc.com.au/research/national-framework)

Key stakeholders are tasked with distributing and encouraging comment on the strategy from their respective organisations and members.

When providing comment, please reference the page and line number you are referring to, and consider the following from your own perspective:

1. Do you feel the sector overview captures the complexity of the industry, and the current and future operational and business environment appropriately?
2. Is the information in this section presented in the best way (graphs, charts) etc?
3. Is the information on current capability presented in the best way?
4. Are the national research themes the right ones for your sector?
5. Do the proposed research topics under each theme capture the critical RD&E issues for your sector?
6. Is the proposed implementation structure and process: (1) adequately explained; and (2) a realistic means to deliver on the strategy? Are there missing relationships?
7. Can you provide a further example of current collaborative partnerships to be included in attachment 2?
8. Do you have a great photo that really captures the aims of the strategy, or that really captures the people and activities in your sector that could be used in the strategy (or in the FRDC R&D Plan 2010-2015)?

Comments, partnership examples and photos should be provided by email to [jo-anne.rusco@frdc.com.au](mailto:jo-anne.rusco@frdc.com.au) by the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

A draft of the Strategy will be presented to the Primary Industries Standing Committee R&D Subcommittee at their meeting on Wednesday 10th February 2010 prior to tabling at Primary Industries Ministerial Council 17 in April 2010, consultation will continue during this period, prior to tabling the final draft to Primary Industries Ministerial Council in April.