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* aim(s) of the project giving a brief background and brief description
* why the research is important
* who may benefit from the research
* what the key findings are
* what producers/policy makers/other stakeholders should do differently as a result
* what are the outcomes from the outputs?

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* Why did they do it?
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[**Background** – why the project was undertaken]

[**Aims/objectives** – what you wanted to achieve at the beginning]

[**Methodology** – outline how you did the project]

[**Results/key findings** – this should outline what you found or key results]

[**Implications for relevant stakeholders** – this section should outline anything relevant for the below groups]

* industry
* communities
* managers or policy makers
* others where relevant

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# Introduction

Outline the background and need for the project

# Objectives

Objectives of the project – as agreed in the contract

Please include if any objective changed during the project.

# Method

Description of methods used, including justification

# Results

Including statistical analysis

## Please note for smaller projects the ***results, discussion*** *and* ***conclusion*** could be combined into one section if need.

# Discussion

Discussion of results compared with the objectives

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# Conclusion

This section should bring together all the results and objectives to give an overview of the key findings and outcomes.

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# Implications

Assessment of the impact of the outcomes on end users such as management, industry, consumers, etc in Australia (where possible provide a statement of costs and benefits).

# Recommendations

For this PROJECT, provide recommendations on the activities or other steps that may be taken to further develop, disseminate or to exploit commercially the results.

## Further development

Where this project DOES NOT fully solve or address all issues and more research and/or actions such as management changes are required provide recommendations for next steps.

# Extension and Adoption

Outline how the project was (and will continue to be) extended and communicated to the end user, such as managers, other researchers, industry and where applicable the broader community.

If possible, outline where project outputs were adopted – this may not always be possible at time of writing the final report.

## Project coverage

If applicable report on any media, industry or government article on the project.

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# Glossary

Optional

# Project materials developed

If the project creates any products such as books, scientific papers, factsheets, images these should be outlined in this section outline and attach them where possible.

# Appendices

Appendices should include (where applicable):

* List of researchers and project staff (boat skippers, technicians, consultants)
* Intellectual Property
* Footnotes
* References – footnotes/references/cross-references

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