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1. PURPOSE

This document details the quality framework and scope under which the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) operates. The FRDC Quality Management System (QMS) underpins the planning, funding and managing of Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) programs in the fishing and aquaculture industry, Marketing programs, and facilitating, dissemination, adoption and commercialisation of the results.

FRDC's QMS includes all the requirements identified in ISO 9001 with the exception of sections 8.3 (Design and development) and 7.1.5.2 (Measuring traceability). These functions are excluded since the FRDC does not undertake design nor does it use monitoring and measuring equipment requiring calibration.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility for this policy resides with the Quality Manager.

3. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Definitions - follow link to [Definitions](#)

Acronyms – follow link to [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

4. RISK CATEGORY

Strategic	Operational	Financial	ICT	People
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5. RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

This section contains links to internally and externally facing documents – access to internally facing documents is restricted to FRDC employees.

Relevant documentation
Internal
All FRDC policies
All FRDC procedures
All FRDC templates
All FRDC registers
All FRDC work guides
FRDC Wiki
External
FRDC Annual Report
Primary Industries Research and Development (PIRD) Act 1989
Fisheries Research and Development's Research, Development and Extension Planning and Priorities

6. PUBLICATION

FRDC Website	Yes	Directors' website	Yes
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7. BACKGROUND

The FRDC is a statutory authority within the portfolio of the Federal Minister for Agriculture, jointly funded by the Australian Government and the fishing and aquaculture industry.

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The FRDC's enabling Commonwealth legislation is the Primary Industries Research and Development (PIRD) Act 1989.

The activities of the FRDC are driven by the objects (Quality objectives) of the PIRD Act that:

- (a) make provision for the funding and administration of research and development relating to primary industries with a view to:
 - i increasing the economic, environmental and social benefits to members of primary industries and to the community in general by improving the production, processing, storage, transport or marketing of the products of primary industries
 - ii achieving the sustainable use and sustainable management of natural resources
 - iii making more effective use of the resources and skills of the community in general and the scientific community in particular
 - iv supporting the development of scientific and technical capacity
 - v developing the adoptive capacity of primary producers
 - vi improving accountability for expenditure on research and development activities in relation to primary industries
- (b) make provision for the funding and administration of marketing relating to products of primary industries.

The FRDC is governed by a board of directors whose expertise is prescribed by the PIRD Act. The board is responsible to the Minister for Agriculture and, through the Minister, to the Parliament of Australia. A small team, located in Canberra and Adelaide, manages the FRDC's activities.

The FRDC delivers these objectives through its RD&E Plan and its Marketing investment policy.

8. POLICY

The FRDC will:

1. have an operating philosophy of continual improvement;
2. use a 'quality approach' in its business that meets the requirements of AS/NZS ISO 9001;
3. maintain its AS/NZS ISO 9001 certification;
4. communicate its commitment to quality outcomes to its stakeholders (interested parties);
5. expose all employees to the principles and requirements of its quality approach, to engender dedication to FRDC's philosophy of continual improvement;
6. be committed to ensuring that the high levels of staff satisfaction, health and safety are maintained;
7. use its quality system to deliver against the objects (Quality objectives) of the PIRD Act.

9. ATTACHMENTS

#	Description
1	Not applicable