



## House of Assembly Government Administration Committee B

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## SHORT INQUIRY INTO MATTERS RELATING TO THE CLOSURE OF THE SAND FLATHEAD FISHERY IN SOUTH-EAST TASMANIA

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The Standing Committee on Government Administration B has resolved to conduct a short, targeted inquiry to review and report on matters relating to the closure of the sand flathead fishery in south-east Tasmania on 1 March 2026, with particular reference to:

1. Information used to inform the decision to close the fishery, including, but not limited to, interpretation of the stock assessment, research, restocking, and compliance information;
2. The environmental, social and economic impacts considered in determining whether to close, or not to close, the fishery;
3. Consultation undertaken and consultative processes followed to inform the closure;
4. The advantages and disadvantages of alternative fishery management options;
5. The use of the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995* and the *Fisheries (Scalefish) Rules 2015* to authorise the closure;
6. The evidence and processes required to inform a decision to reopen, or not to reopen, this fishery; and
7. Any other matters incidental thereto.

The Committee has commenced its work and resolved to operate as a short inquiry, targeting specific stakeholders to whom the Terms of Reference apply. These stakeholders will be invited to provide written submissions to the inquiry. After receiving submissions, the Committee will consider whom to invite as witnesses to appear before public hearings to further consider the evidence received.

For further information about the inquiry please visit the inquiry website: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/house-of-assembly/standing-committees/government-administration-committee-b/inquiries/inquiry-into-the-closure-of-the-sand-flathead-fishery-in-south-east-tasmania>

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to: -

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