



Standing Committee on Government Administration B

### **Short inquiry into matters relating to the closure of the sand flathead fishery in south-east Tasmania**

The Standing Committee on Government Administration B has resolved to conduct a short 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.