

Minister for Primary Industries

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Mr Phillip Ingram
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Dear Mr Ingram

Thank you for your letter of 28th April 2005 concerning the functioning of representation for recreational fishers on NSW Department of Primary Industries advisory councils and committees.

I acknowledge your idea of generic NSW Department of Primary Industries email addresses for committee representatives. Currently the majority of committee representatives already have their own personal email facilities, which they use to consult with the Department and members of the public.

To further facilitate and encourage consultation between committee representatives and other stakeholders, members of the public can contact the Department, on the information advisory line 1300 550 474 or information advisory email address information-advisory@fisheries.nsw.gov.au details of which are provided on the Department's website <http://www.nsw.dpi.gov.au>. Departmental officers can then seek permission from the committee representative to send their email address or other contact details to the fisher. Permission will only need to be sought once for each fisher who can continue to use the contact details of that committee member.

This simplified process will satisfy the privacy requirements of committee members under the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 and will facilitate ongoing correspondence between committee members and the public.

If you have further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mr John Diplock, Program Manager, Recreational Fisheries on (02) 9527 8473.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Macdonald
NSW Minister for Primary Industries

(stamped 14 June 2005)