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654 AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - NOTED

TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET TO NOTE

RE: AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MEMBER

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 For Cabinet to note my intention to recommend that Her Excellency the Governor in Executive Council appoint Mr Andrew Ferguson, as deputy member to Mr Brian Jeffriess, representative for industry on the Aquaculture Advisory Committee (AAC), for an interim period commencing 2 July 2007 and expiring on the 15 September 2008 when the current membership for the AAC expires. At this time nominations will be called and appointments made for all positions, pursuant to the *Aquaculture Act 2001* (the Act).

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The AAC is one of two statutory bodies prescribed by the Act. The Committee consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor. The Committee's role is to advise the Minister on matters relating to aquaculture, particularly relevant to the administration of the Act, the policies that govern or should govern the administration of the Act, and proposals to make regulations under the Act, or to make amendments to the Act. The AAC may also be required to perform other functions assigned to the AAC by the Act or the Minister.

2.2 The AAC was formed as a Statutory Body in accordance with provisions of the *Aquaculture Act 2001* (the Act), coming into operation on 1 July 2002. A member of the AAC is appointed on conditions determined by the Governor for a term, not exceeding 3 years, however all members are eligible for reappointment at the end of a term.

2.3 In order to address potential problems that may occur where a quorum of the AAC (6 members) is unavailable to fulfil a function or functions of the AAC, additional members under each category were appointed to act as a proxy with effect from 15 September 2005. Section 66 (2) of the Act states "*The Governor may appoint a person to be the deputy of a member of the AAC and the deputy may act as a member of the AAC during any period of absence of the member*".

2.4 The Act states that 4 persons must have appropriate practical knowledge of, and experience in the aquaculture industry. With Mr Michael Whillas' resignation, the AAC is now without a deputy member to Mr Brian Jeffriess, representative for industry.

2.5 Nominations were sought in the category of industry representative as prescribed by the Act. The nomination for deputy member to Mr Brian Jeffriess has now been reviewed by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and is now presented for Cabinet's endorsement.

3. **DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 Mr Michael Whillas was the previous deputy member appointed to Mr Brian Jeffriess representing industry and he has given written notice of his resignation to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.
- 3.2 It is proposed to appoint Mr Andrew Ferguson to the AAC from 2 July 2007 through to the 15 September 2008 due to his knowledge and experience, all of which are important to achieve balance within the AAC. Mr Andrew Ferguson has excellent credentials and currently holds the position of Chief Executive Officer, Australian Bight Abalone Limited. At the end of Mr Ferguson's interim appointment, when the current membership for the AAC expires, nominations will be called and appointments made for all positions, pursuant to the Act.
- 3.3 Mr Andrew Ferguson will be entitled to remuneration of \$40 per hour for sessional fees including a loading of up to three hours preparation/reading time per meeting, as determined by the Commissioner for Public Employment. The Commissioner for Public Employment has also recommended the payment of an hourly rate for preparation time in excess of three hours of \$40 per hour for AAC members.
- 3.4 In respect to gender balance, the current membership of the ACC comprises 40% female representation, including a female presiding member.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

For Cabinet to note:

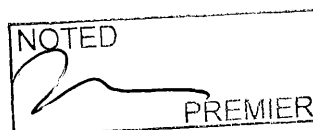
- 4.1 my intention to recommend that Her Excellency the Governor in Executive Council appoints Mr Andrew Ferguson, as a deputy member to Mr Brian Jeffriess, representative for industry on the Aquaculture Advisory Committee, for an interim period of fifteen (15) months commencing on 2 July 2007 and expiring on 15 September 2008 when the current membership for the AAC expires. At this time nominations will be called and appointments made for all positions pursuant to the Act.
- 4.2 my intention to recommend that Her Excellency the Governor in Executive Council revoke the membership of Mr Michael Whillas as a deputy member of the Aquaculture Advisory Committee.



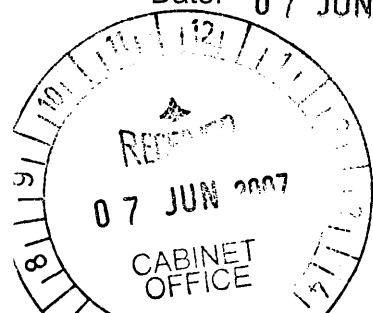
Hon Rory McEwen MP
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES
MINISTER FOR FORESTS

In Cabinet

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Hon Rory McEwen MP
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
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Dear Mr McEwen,

While I thank you for my appointment as a deputy to B Jeffriess on the Aquaculture Advisory Committee after due consideration I have decided not to accept the position.

9(1)(a)(i) Opinion or advice



Yours sincerely



M Whillas
President
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