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Seafood Alliance withdraws from consultation process

The National Seafood Industry Alliance (NSIA) has reluctantly withdrawn from the consultation process on the Commonwealth marine reserves network fisheries adjustment assistance package.

“At a meeting in Canberra today with Environment Minister Tony Burke, NSIA was left with no other option but to withdraw from further discussions to develop the fisheries adjustment assistance package,” said National Seafood Industry Alliance Chair, Mr Grahame Turk.

“The adjustment assistance package as tabled by the Government falls short of all reasonable expectations, Mr Turk stated.

NSIA is calling on the Government to reconsider the scope and elements of the adjustment package to ensure fair and equitable assistance to those impacted by the marine reserves network.”

“Additionally, an industry commissioned study undertaken by Ernst and Young clearly shows the impacts on the fishing industry, upstream and downstream family businesses and regional communities reliant on the industry have not been adequately assessed.

These individuals, businesses and communities will not be compensated.” Mr Turk said.

“We are disappointed that the Government has not fully implemented its own Fisheries Adjustment Policy.” Mr Turk said.

NSIA believes that the fisheries adjustment assistance framework as announced, including the \$100 million budget, will be inadequate to address the impacts of Marine Reserve Networks.

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