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THE REAL COSTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT'S MARINE RESERVE NETWORKS WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2012

The National Seafood Industry Alliance (NSIA) will next week present to parliamentarians, five refined proposals to the Commonwealth Government's marine reserve networks.

The Commonwealth Government's marine plans that are currently on the table will have a significant impact on the future of Australia's commercial fishing industry and more broadly will directly affect ninety communities all around Australia's coastline.

It is important for parliamentarians to hear about the full range of impacts and costs the current plans will have, before making their own policy decisions. The Commonwealth, State and Territory commercial fishing industries have prepared comprehensive proposals for the South-west, North-west, North, Coral Sea and Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserve Networks. These proposals will minimise the impacts and costs to the commercial fishing industry, government and communities.

'Commercial fishing activities are already tightly regulated and these will be impacted further by the Government's marine plans. Australia already imports over 70% of seafood, we need to ensure that Australians will continue to have access to premium local seafood,' said Trixi Madon, chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Fisheries Association.

The briefing will take place at Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday, 29 May from 12pm to 1pm. The presentation slides will also be available on the NSIA website www.seafoodforaustralia.com.au after the presentation. The industry proposals are available on the website under the heading marine bioregional planning; fishing industry submission. Members of the NSIA will be available for interview over the next week.

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