

Marine Pest Unit
Department of Agriculture
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To the Marine Pest Unit,

RE: Response to the Marine Biosecurity Review

We are writing to provide comment on the Marine Biosecurity Review. As an organisation that is actively involved in communication, education and engagement in the areas of freshwater and terrestrial biosecurity issues our comments fall largely out of scope of this review. However, we believe that greater consistency in messages across the areas of marine, freshwater and terrestrial biosecurity will benefit engagement across all three areas.

We would like to see the review address the use of consistent core messages across different fields of biosecurity, using the National Biosecurity Engagement and Communications Framework as a guiding document.

We are currently raising the awareness of the Check, Clean, (Disinfect), Dry hygiene protocols for recreational users of terrestrial and freshwater assets in Tasmania, guided by protocols outlined in our Keeping It Clean manual. Through our on-going support of the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Discovery Rangers Program we are including engagement with ocean fishers for the first time this year, in relation to ensuring fishing gear is clean to avoid the spread of marine pests and pathogens.

Yours sincerely

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