

Response to Seafood Industry Australia Federal Election 2019

General

ALP

Principle policy <https://www.alp.org.au/policies/labor-s-positive-strategic-plan-for-sustainable-fisheries-and-aquaculture-sectors/>

Labor will convene a national fisheries summit to bring together key stakeholders from our commercial fisheries and aquaculture sector, state and federal regulators and other interested parties, including recreational fishing representatives, to address common challenges together.

The summit will be chaired by the Minister and will be the first step in developing a strategic plan for the sector.

Liberal National

Principle policy <https://www.liberal.org.au/latest-news/2019/04/29/more-fishing-opportunities-all-australians>

Developing a National Fisheries Plan: working with recreational, commercial, indigenous and aquaculture fishers, the Morrison Government will deliver a new sector blueprint to grow the industry.

Issue	ALP	Australian Greens	Liberal National
Improve security of resource access and fishing rights	<p>Labor will ban super trawlers in the Commonwealth's Small Pelagic Fishery. In addition to a permanent ban on super trawlers, any unused fishing quota in the Small Pelagic Fishery will be entrusted to the Australian community and set aside in a recreational fishing trust.</p> <p>Labor has committed to implement their 2012 Marine Park Network in full.</p>	<p>Implement the full set of 2012 Labour green zones.</p> <p>Provide \$247 million over 4 years for fisheries adjustment.</p> <p>Fully implement an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management in accord with the Borthwick Review.</p> <p>Initiate a Senate inquiry into overseas vessels fishing in Australian waters.</p>	<p>Develop Commonwealth Fisheries Resource Sharing Framework: outlining the rules for sharing resources across the fishing sectors and between the Commonwealth and other Australian jurisdictions.</p> <p>The Morrison Government has made their commitment to maintaining the current management plans for Commonwealth Marine Parks.</p>

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Improve security of resource access and fishing rights (contd)	<p>Labor will convene a national fisheries summit to bring together key stakeholders from commercial fisheries and aquaculture sector, state and federal regulators and other interested parties including recreational fishing representatives, to address common challenges together.</p> <p>Improve transparency and accountability in Commonwealth managed fisheries.</p> <p>Resolving resource sharing issues to provide assured and fair access to Commonwealth fish resources for recreational and commercial fishers.</p>		
Enhance public perception, social licence and community acceptance			
Bolster biosecurity safeguards for both the aquaculture and wild catch sectors	<p>Improve Australia's biosecurity system and resource it adequately.</p>		

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Increase the visibility of Australian seafood in foodservice		Introduce a national system for country of origin and species identification	
Provide assistance for industry-specific mental health support	Shorten Labor Government will also invest \$600K over two years for trial of mental health trusted advocate program for the fisheries sector ¹		\$600K for mental health support: delivering support for a trial of a mental health trusted advocate program for the fisheries sector. Up to 10 advocates will be established in eight communities across the country to combat the mental health issues that are prominent in the fishing industry.
Assist industry to improve maritime safety			
Improve resource sharing and consultation with the petroleum industry		Ban all new offshore oil and gas exploration, including a ban on seismic testing.	
Commit to maintaining the current fuel tax credits scheme			

¹ Confirmed by letter 12 May 2019

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<p>Actively assist the development of the Australian seafood industry</p>	<p>Promote industry growth and boost productivity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focusing on moving up the value chain, • reducing unnecessary regulation, • applying evidence-based policies. <p>Boosting trade by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reducing international trade barriers • improving existing trade agreements • promoting Australia’s clean, green and ethically produced food and production image • addressing information deficiencies, market failures in access to finance, and skills shortages <p>Labor aims to return science to the centre of government by resetting the relationship between government and Australia’s scientists and researchers</p>		<p>Developing a National Fisheries Plan: working with recreational, commercial, indigenous and aquaculture fishers, the Morrison Government will deliver a new sector blueprint to grow the industry.</p> <p>Diversify export markets by implementing recently signed trade agreements with Indonesia, Peru and Hong Kong while simultaneously negotiating the agreements already underway and exploring new trade opportunities and addressing non-tariff barriers</p>

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<p>Raise the status of the seafood industry within government</p>			<p>\$400K for capacity building for fishing representative: delivering capacity-building tools to ensure that all relevant fishing sectors are included in decision-making and to maximise their contribution. All participants will gain a well-developed understanding of the regulatory, scientific and economic drivers of fisheries management, which builds on the work of the National Fishing Advisory Council (NFAC) and Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA).</p>