

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Our ref: A1007156 Petition No. 066

21 February 2023

Tim Farnell
Principal Petitioner

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Farnell

Petition No. 066 – Proposed 8 or 9 month demersal ban

I refer to the above petition, which was tabled by Hon Colin de Grussa MLC in the Legislative Council on 11 October 2022. It was, as you know, referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs (Committee). As part of its preliminary inquiries into the terms of the petition, the Committee wrote to the Minister for Fisheries. A copy of the response received is enclosed.

Following consideration of that response, the Committee decided on 15 February 2023 not to conduct any further inquiries and to finalise its consideration of the petition, on the grounds that the matter is being dealt with by the relevant authorities under established decision making processes.

In making that decision, the Committee noted that the matter has been the subject of significant consultation for some time. Some accommodation has been reached, and the decision has been made by the Government and put into effect. A financial compensation package has been included for those adversely affected.

Copies of documents in relation to the petition are available on Parliament's website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au (» petitions).

The Committee thanks you and your fellow petitioners for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Parliament. If you have any queries, please contact Kristina Crichton, Committee Clerk, on 9222 7231 or email env@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Hon Peter Foster MLC
Chair

Enc: Letter from Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Fisheries, dated 7 December 2022