



3 September 2010

Mr Stuart Smith
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Dear Stuart,

Subject: MoU with the EPA

I refer you to Ministers Moore and Faragher's media release of 23 July 2010 entitled "*Aquaculture red tape cut*". ACWA would like to thank you and your staff wholeheartedly for support and work to bring this important deregulation to fruition.

Both the Department and industry had intended that this would have resulted in the Department managing all operational, compliance and enforcement activities associated with the Western Australian aquaculture industry.

ACWA has been advised that this is in fact not the case, with the office of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) requesting the annual submission of compliance reports to Ministerial Statements.

ACWA is keen to resolve this matter to improve efficiency and flexibility. ACWA proposes that the Department of Fisheries needs to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Environmental Protection Authority to create the administrative arrangements to ensure that it able to manage all aquaculture operational, compliance and enforcement activities, and referrals to the EPA.

To begin this process it is suggested that a discussion be held between Guy Westbrook, the EO of ACWA and yourself and/or appropriate officers of your Department.

We look forward to receiving your reply. Should you have any queries please encourage your officers to contact the ACWA EO on 0438 964 303.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Ball', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Max Ball
Chairman
Aquaculture Council of Western Australia

Cc Guy Westbrook