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## Recreational Fishing at the Crossroads

A report released by the recreational fishing industry calls for a fresh approach to be taken in addressing the challenges facing Australia's 3 million recreational fishers.

The report released in Sydney yesterday challenges the recreational fishing sector to fundamental change or forever be consigned to being seen as an ineffective, reactive player in the fishing industry.

The Chief Executive Officer of TARFish, Mark Nikolai, says the report is a thought provoking, strategic analysis of the current recreational fishing situation across Australia. Mark said "It seems every state thinks it is different and if we are to be recognised as a responsible recreational fishing community we need to collectively move forward and seriously consider the range of recommendations detailed in the Keep Australia Fishing Report.

Mark went on to say that TARFish had provided the report's author Martin Salter, a passionate recreational fisher and retired member of the British Parliament, with comprehensive details on recreational fishing in Tasmania and he was pleased the report was a "warts and all" overview with an extensive range of positive recommendations that warranted detailed consideration by the broader recreational fishing community.

"We intend to provide Minister Bryan Green with a copy of the report this week and look forward to continuing our positive working relationship with the Tasmanian government."

Copies of the report are available from our website.

Contact Mark Nikolai, Chief Executive Officer on 0403 868 004 or 1300 665 225 for further information.

*TARFish is the independent, government recognised peak body looking after the interests of recreational marine fishers in Tasmania.*