



**FRDC**

FISHERIES RESEARCH &  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

# **SOCIAL SCIENCES & ECONOMICS RESEARCH COORDINATION PROGRAM**

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## What we are here to do

1. Support the FRDC in managing social and economics RD&E
2. Identify emerging issues and research needs in collaboration with the industry and managing agencies
3. Communicate social science and economic RD&E needs and outcomes
4. Ensure quality and relevance of social science and economics projects
5. Maintain and build further research capability to meet current and emerging social and economic issues

# 1. Support the FRDC in managing social and economics RD&E

- National strategic issues:
  - sustainability... *perceptions, social and economic sustainability (flow of benefits)*
  - productivity... *social and economic barriers and opportunities*
- Advice and support
- Strategic research:
  - Engagement and social acceptability tools and evaluation
  - Comparable measures of social and economic contributions
  - Flow of benefits (decision support)
  - Integrated assessments



**(DRAFT) LICENSE TO ENGAGE:**

**Gaining and retaining your social license in the seafood industry. A Handbook of available knowledge and tools for effective seafood industry engagement with communities**



## **2. Identify (how RD&E can meet) emerging issues and research needs agencies**

- Working with industry associations, FRDC sub-programs, RAC managers, the AFMF and sub-committees
- Participating in Seafood Directions and other industry events

## Issues we are hearing about:

- Environment
  - What do different “communities/audiences” hear in sustainability messages?
  - Socially-acceptable levels of impact
- Resource conflict
  - Resource sharing and allocation (decision support)
  - Resolving ITQ issues (devil’s in the detail)
  - Measuring social and economic contributions (what measures for which audiences?)
- Productivity and people
  - Improving business resilience
  - Improving workforce health and wellbeing
  - Opportunities and prospectivity

### **3. Communicate social science and economic RD&E needs and outcomes**

- FISH articles
- FishEcon and FishSocial newsletters
- Participating... conferences, meetings, workshops



## 4. Ensure quality and relevance of social science and economics projects

- Steering Committee expertise
- Reviews of Eols and full applications
- Working with PIs of active projects
- Reviews of milestone reports and final reports
- **Feedback on the methodological aspects of RD&E priorities**
  - **how should research be designed to meet your need?**





## **5. Maintain and build further research capability to meet current and emerging social and economic issues**

- Links with the research sector
- PhDs
- Future Harvest Masterclass in Fisheries Economics

