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Ms Carolyn Walsh & Mr John Harrison
Independent Reviewers
DCV Safety Review Panel
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Submitted via email: dcvsafetyreview@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Walsh and Mr Harrison,

Independent Review of Australia's Domestic Commercial Vessel, Safety Legislation and Costs and Charging Arrangements - Release of Consultation Aid – Costs and Charging Arrangements – Phase 2

As the peak body for the western rock lobster industry in Western Australia, WRL thanks you for the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to Independent Review of Australia's Domestic Commercial Vessel, Safety Legislation and Costs and Charging Arrangements. WRL wishes to convey our full support for the WA Fishing Industry Council's (WAFIC) submission on this matter and agree with the points raised in their whole-of-industry submission. With that said, we would like to provide you with some information in regards to the following question:

What is the nature of the costs that you (or your DCV sector) incur? This can include for example charges recovered by AMSA for fee-based activity, any relevant state jurisdiction-specific fees and charges, accredited marine surveyor costs, etc and can include one-off and regular costs.

We spoke to a few fishers on this topic who informed us that annual gear expenses costed a range from \$2,200 - \$2,500 (for lifeboat lease, epirb, first aid box etc.). Then there were costs for ongoing cost for first aid training, safety courses, reviewed of and updates to SMS and standing orders. These costs can vary and have therefore not been included in the above estimate. Fishers also made a point of mentioning the lost fishing time (in addition to monetary costs) that are incurred due to AMSA inspections.

Thank you for giving our organisation an opportunity to provide a submission on this matter. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Matt Taylor
CEO
cc
WRL Board