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Avalon Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2024

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On 17 October 2024, Steve Dimopoulos MP, Minister for Outdoor Recreation, declared the Avalon Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan.

This is the first management plan for the Avalon Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve. It establishes a framework for an environmentally sustainable and economically viable aquaculture industry at the Avalon Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve that recognises and respects the cultural heritage of the site and contributes to a commercial supply of high quality seafood.

The Plan has four management objectives to assist in achieving this vision:

- Protect Aboriginal cultural heritage and values;
- Maintain ecological health;
- Facilitate economic viability; and
- Maintain social licence.

The Plan prescribes a suite of strategies and actions to achieve these objectives.

A copy of the plan is available at the VFA website:

vfa.vic.gov.au/completedconsultation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling", is positioned above the printed name.

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
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