

Candice L Harwood (VFA)

Sent: Friday, 31 October 2025 1:03 PM
To: Candice L Harwood (VFA)
Subject: Re: OFFICIAL: Banded Morwong Fishery Consultation

Hi Candice.

Sorry for the late reply.

Jason York and I believe the morwong quotas for licenses BW1/Bw2 should be reinstated to the original numbers (1460 per licence). Very few fish have been caught over the last two seasons due to my medical issues so the stock is still in the water.

We believe that the quota should not have been cut originally as the catch rate was down due to unusually cold water and weather conditions (big swells/wind, Marlo has been unworkable due to weed) restricting fish movement and restricting areas to work. If the fish aren't moving they don't mesh. Also per the VFA scientist Justin Bell the CPUE is not relevant to the morwong fishery and is a very poor indicator and reflection of morwong stocks. (Please refer to our previous submissions on quota cuts).

Thanks

Michael York

Jason York

On 1 Oct 2025, at 11:54 AM, Candice L Harwood (VFA)
wrote:

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Dear Banded Morwong Fishery Licence holder,

Please find attached the draft Further Quota Order and draft Fisheries Notice for the 2026 licensing year for consultation.

The proposal is to maintain the TACC at the current level of 2,044 fish, and to roll over the arrangements implemented last year to maintain the shorter closed season.

Please provide any comments on the proposed TACC and Fisheries Notice to me via email by **31 October 2025**.

Kind Regards
Candice

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