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**Via email**: **monique.leane@ecodev.vic.gov.au.**

Dear Ms Leane

Seafood Industry Victoria (SIV) on behalf of the Commercial Eel industry, welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Draft Victorian Eel Fishery Management Plan.

SIV has consulted extensively with all members of the Victorian Commercial Eel industry to address the key features of the proposed management arrangements. Although there is overall support for the implementation of a management plan (following 15 years of the previous management plan) certain concerns have been raised. Please find attached industry comments in tracked changes into the Draft Management Plan and also on Page 2, comments from industry which are beyond the framework of the Draft Management Plan.

Industry insists that we are provided the opportunity to further review an amended draft prior to its sign-off and publication.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Draft Victorian Eel Fishery Management Plan* and look forward to discussing the above response with you.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director

Registered No. AOO19675X

**Attachment:**

**Industry Concerns beyond the Management Plan Framework**

I note SIV has received a number of comments which are beyond the framework of the Draft Management Plan that industry have asked to be recorded at this time:

1 - A rational examination of the Permit Conditions (e.g. 24hr lift) and there, environmental and operational impacts needs to be undertaken,

2 - Alterations to Aquaculture Licence Entitlements (e.g. CLE 1, Fiery Creek) to be examined.

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