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Complete this form if you want to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for a marine waters aquaculture lease. If the expression of interest is supported, the proposed lease will be offered via a competitive tender process.

To find out more about the tender process refer to

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/aquaculture-leases and

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/forms/lease-based for the new lease information kit.

To find out more about the approvals process for marine waters aquaculture leases refer to

dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/marine-waters-strategy.

1. Applicant details

Details required	Give details in space provided
Name of applicant (or company name if applicable)	
Mailing address for all correspondence	Address Suburb State Postcode
Physical address (cannot be a PO Box)	Address Suburb State Postcode
Preferred contact Specify if mobile can be used for SMS alerts	Contact person Home/work/mobile no. SMS alerts (if mobile provided above) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Email

2. Investigations and discussion

It is a requirement before you submit this expression of interest that you review the [NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy](#). It will provide you with guidance on best practice and the planning and approval processes.

We recommended that you discuss your EOI with us before you submit it. Please call 02 4916 3900 or email aquaculture.management@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Have you reviewed the NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy?

Yes

No

Have you had a discussion with someone at NSW DPI about your EOI?

Yes

No

3. Details of the proposed lease/s

For each lease, a map must be attached showing the approximate location.

Location	Approximate area (in hectares)

4. Preliminary assessment in line with NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy (MWSAS)

4.1 Site constraints - MWSAS section 3.1

For each question you must tick yes or no, then attach evidence of how you have considered each question. You can use the relevant spatial databases to create maps for your response.

You must show how each constraint has been considered, and where such constraints may exist.

Some useful databases include (but are not limited to):

The [Australasian Underwater Cultural Heritage Database](#)

The [Native Title Vision](#)

The [NSW Fisheries Spatial Portal](#)

The [Protected Matters search tool](#)

The NSW [SEED data portal](#)

A. Is the proposed lease within land reserved or acquired under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, nature reserves, Aboriginal or European historic sites?

Yes

No

- B. Is the proposed lease within marine park sanctuary zones (or equivalent) or aquatic reserves?
 Yes No
- C. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of sewage outfall pipelines or protection zones for submarine communication cables?
 Yes No
- D. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of navigation channels and established shipping port approaches?
 Yes No
- E. Is the proposed lease within Department of Defence operational areas (for example, Naval Trace area at Jervis Bay)?
 Yes No
- F. Is the proposed lease located over rocky reefs (as defined by NSW DPI)?
 Yes No
- G. Is the proposed lease located over seagrass beds (as defined by NSW DPI)?
 Yes No
- H. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of maritime heritage items (for example, historic plane and shipwrecks)?
 Yes No
- I. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of purposefully constructed artificial reefs?
 Yes No
- J. Is the proposed lease within 1 km of marine infrastructure (for example, moorings, boat ramps, and marinas) and monitoring equipment (for example, Wave rider buoys).
 Yes No
- K. Is the proposed culture species to be spawned from the endemic population or from broodstock originating from the east coast of Australia?
 Yes No
- L. Will the proposed lease have sufficient biosecurity separation distances from existing operational leases and farming operations?
 Yes No

4.2 Compatibility with commercial, recreational, aboriginal fishing, recreational boating, and tourism – MWSAS section 3.2.1 item 12.1

You must explain your answers for both questions in an attachment. Please clearly label your attachments.

- M. Would undertaking aquaculture operations on the proposed lease unduly impact fishing, recreational boating and/or tourism activities in the region surrounding the proposed site?
 Yes No
- N. Would undertaking aquaculture operations on the proposed lease unduly impede navigation to and from important fishing, recreational boating, and tourism sites?
 Yes No

4.3 Suitability of the proposed infrastructure for the environmental conditions at the site – MWSAS section 3.2.17 items 17.1 and 17.2

You must provide as much detailed information as possible about infrastructure design, manufacturer, loading capacity, current uses elsewhere, any accreditation, warranties, etc.

- O. Will the infrastructure used to undertake the aquaculture on the proposed lease be designed and developed with proven technologies, established engineering knowledge, and computerized models, and purchased from an established supplier or constructed under the guidance of a marine engineer?
- Yes No
- P. Will the infrastructure used to undertake the aquaculture on the proposed lease be designed to withstand the recorded or modelled maximums for wave height, tidal range, swell and wind speed?
- Yes No

5. Plans to be included

Include the following plans of the proposed lease.

- A detailed plan of the proposed lease showing the approximate location, proposed dimensions and estimated distance from:
- shore
 - prominent coastal features for example, a headland
 - the nearest aquaculture leases.
- A regional plan showing nearest town and roads.

6. Applicant declaration

All applicants must sign the declaration.

An application lodged by a company must be signed by two directors, or one director and a secretary. If the company is a sole director/secretary company, then the sole director must state next to their name that they are the “sole director and secretary”.

I/We, the undersigned:

- Have the authority to make this application.
- Acknowledge that all the information provided in this application is true and correct.
- Understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

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7. Submitting your application

- Mail: NSW Department of Primary Industries, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay NSW 2315
- Email: aquaculture.administration@dpi.nsw.gov.au
- Telephone enquiries: Aquaculture Administration 0407 693 244 or (02) 4916 3900

8. What happens now?

Following an initial assessment to determine if the area may be suitable for aquaculture, NSW DPI will publish the proposed lease on the department’s website and the NSW Government Gazette asking for any objections to the leasing of the area.

If, after considering any objections, NSW DPI decides to proceed with the EOI, the proposed lease will be offered in the next lease tender process according to the current aquaculture lease allocation policy (O-071). NSW DPI holds a competitive tender process for marine water leases once per year (if an EOI is received).

For more information on the tender process, go to [Lease Notifications & Tenders \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.nsw.gov.au/Lease-Notifications-&-Tenders).

Privacy Collection Notice

Information collected on this application is subject to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*. You must provide the information for NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries to assess the application and to administer aquaculture leases and permits under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. Information collected will be stored securely within the FishOnline system and NSW DPI’s records management system, to which only authorised personnel have access.

NSW DPI – Fisheries may use the information and disclose it to authorised agencies by way of a Memorandum of Understanding, for related administration, regulation, research, and statistical reporting purposes. For example, but not limited to, purposes such as biosecurity matters, licensing with other agencies, industry extension and grant applications. The information may be pooled in a manner not identifying individuals to form industry-based statistics. Information collected may be publicly available on the NSW register of aquaculture permits in accordance with section 154 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. Information collected may also be subject to other lawful requests for information such as subpoenas or GIPA (Government Information Public Access) requests. Section 19(2)(h) of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* allows the disclosure of information when permitted or required by an Act (including an Act of the Commonwealth) of any other law.

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