

# Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Board Communiqué

Meeting 118 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

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## **Review of Register of Instruments**

The Board is required by legislation to keep a register of certain regulatory instruments which the public can search on request. The registers are maintained by EPA Tasmania on behalf of the Board. On an annual basis the Board reviews these registers to ensure its statutory obligations are being met. During the past 12 months an additional register of finfish farming regulatory instruments has been created. The Board also noted that the project to make Environment Protection Notices (EPNs) available via ListMap would supplement the register of EPNs.

## **Managing Ethical Risks**

In May the Board undertook the core module of the Integrity Commission's training program on Managing Ethical Risks for Boards. The Commission's program requires each Board to undertake at least three of five additional modules on specific subject areas. During this meeting the EPA Board undertook

Module 2: Managing Conflicts of Interest.

Module 4: Use of Information; and

Module 5: Board Member Interactions.

The Board agreed to undertake the remaining two optional units at a future meeting.

## **Review of Assessment process: Legislative changes**

Although the review of the Level 2 assessment process focussed on possible changes to administrative procedures, the terms of reference included reporting any potential legislative changes that may be an impediment to the efficiency administration of the Act. The Board discussed the legislative changes recommended in the Abernethy report and approved a letter from the Chair to the Minister, as the person responsible for legislation, so that these could be considered for inclusion in a raft of amendments currently being prepared.

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