



Chair Report Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC)

13 March 2026

Dear Stakeholders,

On 13 March 2026, the **Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC)** held its fifteenth meeting to review the Independent Cost Recovery Review Panel (ICRRP) government endorsed recommendations, consider progress against the recommendations table, and discuss remaining actions required to finalise the Committee's report back to government, including matters relating to benchmarking outcomes and 2026–27 fee setting.

Review of ICRRP Recommendations

The Committee reviewed the ICRRP recommendations to confirm actions completed, actions underway, and matters still outstanding.

The Committee supported a five-year review cycle and agreed that some recommendations would require ongoing monitoring rather than being treated as one-off actions. It was noted that further consideration of the current draft principles of cost recovery document remains an outstanding task and would be a focus of a future meeting, alongside finalising the Committee's report on the government endorsed ICRRP recommendations.

2026-27 Fee Setting

The Committee discussed the approach to setting fees for 2026–27 in the context of the recently completed benchmarking reports. PIRSA advised that, while benchmarking has now been completed, there are practical timing constraints associated with the consideration and implementation of any substantive changes to cost recovery arrangements.

The current default position for 2026–27 is to roll over existing fee structures with a CPI increase, consistent with the previous year, noting this is intended as a transitional approach.

The Committee acknowledged industry concern with a straight roll-over, particularly for fisheries with high compliance costs, and noted that benchmarking outcomes are expected to inform more substantive changes in future fee-setting cycles.

Next Steps

The CRIC has agreed on the following **key actions** to move forward:

1. Review the draft Cost Recovery Principles document as the Committee's next substantive piece of work, with detailed consideration scheduled for the next meeting.
2. Finalise the Committee's report back to government, documenting the CRIC's views on the ICRRP recommendations.

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The next CRIC meeting is scheduled for **April 2026**.

For more information relating to the Independent Cost Recovery Review and the latest from the CRIC, including the Committee's terms of reference, please visit the [PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture independent cost recovery review webpage](#).

Sincerely,

Mr Brian Jeffriess

CRIC Independent Chair