



Chair Report Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC)

30 January 2026

Dear Stakeholders,

On 30 January 2026, the **Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC)** held its fourteenth meeting to review the status of the four benchmarking reports and to confirm the remaining steps required to finalise these ahead of the forthcoming SA Election caretaker period.

Update on Final Reports

The aquaculture benchmarking report requires minor structural and wording adjustments before finalisation. A revised version is expected early next week.

Members agreed to restructure the draft aquaculture recommendations into:

- **Priority Recommendations** – science and compliance
- **General Opportunities and Observations** – all other items

Industry requested that a key aquaculture science recommendation on a full assessment of carrying capacity apply to **all oyster growing areas**, not just Coffin Bay and Franklin Harbour.

CRIC Decisions - Schedule

All four reports are expected to be finalised early next week, following completion of the aquaculture report. An out-of-session endorsement process will be used for CRIC to approve all final reports.

PIRSA will then submit a briefing package to the Minister. Reports cannot be circulated to industry before Ministerial approval. The state enters pre-election caretaker mode on 21 February. Meetings may continue, but no substantive decisions can be made.

Next CRIC meeting to be held in approximately two weeks, focused on the updated recommendations table and work planning.

Next Steps

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

1. Benchmarking reports to be sent to the Minister following OOS CRIC approval
2. Discussion on the upcoming fee-setting process for 2026–27
3. The CRIC to review the State Government embraced recommendations to identify any remaining recommendations that still need to be addressed.

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The fourteenth CRIC meeting focused on finalising the remaining structural and wording refinements to the four benchmarking reports, including agreement on a clearer recommendation framework to improve alignment with the terms of reference. The Committee confirmed the process for consolidating the executive summary and incorporating updated recommendation language before the out-of-session endorsement. Once finalised, the full report package will be submitted to the Minister for consideration, noting that release will be subject to Ministerial approval.

The next CRIC meeting is scheduled for **February 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