



Chair Report

Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC)

29 April 2026

Dear Stakeholders,

The Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC) met in April 2026 to continue implementing the Independent Cost Recovery Review Panel (ICRRP) government endorsed recommendations, with a particular focus on the development of the principles for cost recovery, and the next steps toward finalising the Committee's work in guiding the evolution of equitable cost recovery mechanisms within South Australia's seafood sector.

Principles for Cost Recovery

The Committee undertook a detailed review of the draft *Principles for Cost Recovery* document. Members broadly supported the intent of the principles and discussed a number of refinements to improve clarity, alignment with PIRSA's overarching cost recovery policy, and consistency with government financial and budgeting frameworks.

Key matters discussed included:

- Clarifying the scope and status of the principles as guidance for fisheries and aquaculture cost recovery, consistent with PIRSA's agency-wide cost recovery principles.
- Confirming a five-year review cycle for cost-recovered programs.
- Distinguishing between whole-of-sector cost recovery and fees for service attributable to individual entities.
- Recognising the role of regular review processes in demonstrating efficient and cost-effective service delivery, consistent with government requirements.
- Encouraging the appropriate use of technology, industry capability, and co-management arrangements where these can deliver equivalent outcomes in a more efficient manner.

The Committee reiterated that the cost recovery principles are intended to guide discussions on cost attribution and fee setting and are separate from broader considerations relating to structural adjustment, compensation, or major policy change.

Next Steps

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

1. Circulate the revised draft of the *Principles for Cost Recovery* reflecting Committee discussions, for out of session review.
2. Prepare a short, consolidated final report to the Minister capturing the Committee's agreed actions and recommendations.

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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