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The Abalone and Rock Lobster
Trade Agenda and Action Plan

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- Economic Working Group focused on improving trade and economic data
- Selwyn Heilbron engaged to provide economic overview – focusing on GDP and employment impact
- Scenario modeling of China FTA impact
- Data used to support government relations activity

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- Government relations working group created positive working relationships with DFAT, Dept of Ag, Austrade as well as Ministers
- These relationships need to be maintained and enhanced to enable us to respond quickly to issues and ensure outcomes for industry
- SO2 application imminent but will need work to get it through

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- Customs clearance times for live seafood was causing problems
- Hundreds of shipments have been tracked and data recorded and analysed
- Used data in discussion with government
- Customs times are much reduced
- SECC is key advisory committee for Dept of Ag to prioritise and resolve seafood TMA issues

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- Emerging issues such as deemed value being applied to direct imports to China will need to be addressed
- Requires working with Australian government to build relationship with Chinese counterparts
- Expect more issues to arise as FTAs are implemented

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1. Should the STAG broaden membership base to other seafood sectors?
2. What are the issues that STAG should work on for the next 2 to 3 years?
3. STAG is commercially driven and if expanded we need to consider governance structures and funding.
4. Lets not wait for a crisis “proactive”