

## **All Seafood Exporters to China**

***Request to contact the Department of Agriculture (DAWE) – if there is a problem with your China Import Permit or other access to China.***

As you know, there was national publicity in Australia two weeks ago about the apparent cancellation by China of the China Import Permit of a Queensland-based exporter of live coral trout.

As soon as I saw the publicity, I contacted the exporter to see whether there was anything SECC could do with the Australian or Chinese Governments. Reasonably, the exporter assessed that the best strategy would be to not pursue the issue at this stage.

After that, the stories in the Australian media were also reported in China itself. This led to the relevant Chinese government authority (GACC – General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China), approaching the Australian Embassy in China. GACC indicated that such future problems could be first better discussed between the two Governments.

***Recommendation:*** I suggest that with future problems with GACC, that the exporter’s first step be to contact the Australian Government to see whether a more favourable solution can be found. The Australian Government initial contact is:

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