Under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, management plans for individual fisheries are submitted to the fisheries minister and may be accepted or not by the fisheries minister. If accepted, the management plan is subsequently tabled in parliament.

A number of fisheries (13) also have in place harvest strategies specific to the fishery. These strategies are separate subsidiary documents under the management plan. These strategies are considered by the AFMA Commission and, unlike the management plans, are not submitted to the fisheries minister. For this reason, in accepting the management plan for the SPF, the then fisheries minister did not then or subsequently consider or accept the harvest strategy for the SPF.