

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**for**  
**Funding to attend the Australasian Aquaculture 2008 –  
International Conference and Trade Show and Indigenous  
Aquaculture Workshop**

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is seeking Expressions of Interest from Indigenous peoples to attend the Indigenous Aquaculture Workshop at this year's premier aquaculture event in the Asia Pacific region – *Australasian Aquaculture 2008*.

The conference and trade show will showcase the latest research and technological advances in the industry. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 3-6 August 2008, organisers expect around 1500 delegates to attend and over 130 booths at the trade show.

The Indigenous Aquaculture Workshop is being held as a part of Australasian Aquaculture 2008 because of the excellent opportunity it will provide for people who are considering entering the industry. The aim of the workshop is to:

- highlight the importance of Indigenous aquaculture to representatives of the broader industry
- raise awareness of the *National Aquaculture Development Strategy for Indigenous Communities in Australia* and how Indigenous peoples can get involved
- provide networking and capacity building opportunities for Indigenous peoples, and to promote linkages and partnerships between peak Indigenous representative bodies and relevant government agencies
- promote discussions of Indigenous aquaculture by all stakeholders and identify ways to make use of stakeholder partnerships for the development of aquaculture.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest are sought for limited numbers to attend the conference and workshop. DAFF will support successful applicants by providing all travel costs, accommodation, meals and conference registrations for the attendees.

We are seeking Indigenous Australians who are enthusiastic, motivated, and who want to develop their capacity and knowledge, and by doing so, also help DAFF's Indigenous Aquaculture Unit to develop and enhance the National Indigenous Aquaculture Strategy. We want to encourage bright, knowledgeable and experienced people who are prepared to make a difference to the development of Indigenous aquaculture.

Applicants should fill out the attached application form, addressing all criteria, and describe as best they can why they should be selected to attend the event.

#### LODGEMENT OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be assessed in June. Expressions of Interest must be received by no later than **5:00pm on 13 June 2008** at the address, email or fax number below:  
(if sending by email, please follow with a signed application by mail or fax)

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