

**Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?**

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**What is the name of the organisation?**

Abalone Council Australia Ltd

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**What industry do you represent?**

Producer  
Peak Body  
Exporter

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**State or Territory**

National

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**Are you a currently an agricultural levy payer?**

No

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**What commodity(ies) do you currently produce?**

Abalone in various forms....live, frozen, dried, vacuum packed, canned

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**How would you like to provide your feedback?**

Answer questions

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**How should a producer be defined for the purposes of the Biosecurity Protection Levy?**

Abalone Council Australia Ltd (ACA) is the peak abalone related representative body in Australia and represents the interests of abalone producers and exporters across the five abalone producing states of Tasmania, Victoria, NSW, South Australia and Western Australia. Please go to [www.abalonecouncil.com.au](http://www.abalonecouncil.com.au) for further information. Businesses involved in this sector are small in size and spread out all around the southern coastline of Australia. Most of these businesses are

family owned and managed. These businesses are currently regulated under state Fisheries, OHS and Biosecurity legislation and regulation. There is no established national levy collection system in place. Some abalone business operate solely in the harvest sector, some operate solely in the processing/export sector and some operate in both harvest and processing/export sectors. The majority of Australian abalone products are exported to the following countries: China (include Hong Kong), Singapore, Taiwan and Japan. A minority of Australian abalone products are consumed domestically (in Australia) with small quantities exported to Malaysia, Vietnam and the EU and US markets. Please refer to ABARES export statistics for further information. DAFF will need to consult directly with ACA and its members to determine the most appropriate method to collect any proposed national Biosecurity levy. ACA is a member of Seafood Industry Australia and is aware that SIA is making a submission with regard to the broader Australia seafood sector. The potential imposition of any national levy on the Australian abalone industry is a serious matter that will require substantive and direct consultation with affected abalone industry stakeholders at all levels of industry. ACA is keen to ensure that DAFF conducts this consultation in a comprehensive, consultative and transparent manner. In particular, issues around collection methodology will need to be carefully considered along with discussions around the quantum of the levy and full disclosure by DAFF around how any levy will be administered and deployed with particular reference to the biosecurity outcomes that will flow to the abalone industry. I am writing today to request direct contact from a senior DAFF representative to commence discussions regarding this matter. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Regards; [REDACTED]

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**Is your response confidential?**

No

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**Do you agree to your response being published on our website?**

Yes

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**I have read and understood the privacy notice and consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information as outlined in the privacy notice.**

Yes

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**Confirm that you have read and understand this declaration.**

Yes

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