

**SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS  
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**INQUIRY INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS  
OF LARGE-CAPACITY FISHING VESSELS COMMONLY KNOWN AS  
'SUPERTRAWLERS' OPERATING IN AUSTRALIA'S MARINE JURISDICTION**

On 7 September 2015, the Senate referred the following matter to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 April 2016:

The environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels commonly known as 'supertrawlers' operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction, with particular reference to:

- (a) the effect of large fishing vessels on the marine ecosystem, including:
  - (i) impacts on fish stocks and the marine food chain, and
  - (ii) bycatch and interactions with protected marine species;
- (b) current research and scientific knowledge;
- (c) social and economic impacts, including effects on other commercial fishing activities and recreational fishing;
- (d) the effectiveness of the current regulatory framework and compliance arrangements; and
- (e) any other related matters.