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Mr Sean Sloan
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RE: Longer-Term Cost Recovery Program - SZRLF

Dear Sean

Thank you to you and Peter Dietman for meeting with me on 25 March 2016 to discuss the above issue.

SEPFA is keen to further pursue a longer-term cost recovery program for 2016-17 through 2018-19 and we are seeking your confirmation of the following points:

1. We understand the period of the proposed arrangement to initially be for three years, as described above.
2. We understand that the agreement would apply to all 'PIRSA Related Costs' as described in the table on page three of the 'DRAFT Cost Recovery Program 2016-17 - Rock Lobster Fishery - Southern Zone' document.
3. We understand that, for these costs and this period, PIRSA are proposing to fix both;
 - a) The level of resourcing (generally 'days') for each program area
 - b) The cost per day for each program area

and that these will be fixed at the levels applied for 2015-16 and will then be only subject to [South Australian] annual indexation figures for the ensuing three-year period.

4. In addition to the 'PIRSA Related Costs', SEPFA would like to include the base-level cost for Co-Management Services in this agreement (\$306,000.00 + GST / year).
5. We acknowledge it is not appropriate to include SARDI's costs at this stage given the Benchmarking Exercise currently being undertaken.
6. We understand that any real increases (either increases in required levels of resourcing, or, increases in cost as a result of the Government costing model changing) for the proposed costs during this period would be absorbed by PIRSA.

7. We are seeking your confirmation that, at the conclusion of the agreed period (or just prior to), the arrangement would be subject to review by both parties and that any costs absorbed by PIRSA over the period of the agreement will not be recovered retrospectively in the following year (2019-20).
8. In relation to the cost of compliance; over the period of the agreement, and at junctures to be agreed, SEPFA wishes to investigate efficiencies specifically in relation to:
 - a) Management of PIIMS
 - b) Overheads, predominantly associated with ICT costs.
 - c) Licensing / auditing (predominantly associated with the move to electronic data collection).
 - d) Reassessment of the compliance focus and associated risk assessment with a view to reviewing the total level of required resourcing and the total level of resourcing allocated to each compliance 'strategy area'.
 - e) E-Catch

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to receiving your confirmation of the above, we will then consider and confirm, or otherwise, accordingly. Please contact me at any time to discuss should you need to.

Yours sincerely

Justin Phillips

Executive Officer

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