

<b>TORRES STRAIT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Meeting 45 17 -18 June 2008</b>
<b>CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR 2008/2009 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	Agenda Item No. 7.1 <b>FOR DECISION</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1.1 The TSSAC **AGREE** to a process of ‘calling for research proposals’; and
- 7.1.2 The TSSAC **DETERMINE** if a call for research proposals should be made at this time.

**BACKGROUND**

Funding for Torres Strait fisheries research from 2003 through to 2006 was administered through the CRC Torres Strait. The TSSAC has gone through a major restructure since the closure of CRC Torres Strait, and has not met to discuss funding since this time. Hence, it has been over 5 years since the TSSAC has independently called for research projects to be funded through the AFMA Torres Strait research budget.

**DISCUSSION**

The TSSAC should consider if they wish to call for research proposals at this time. If a call for proposals is appropriate, the TSSAC should consider the most appropriate ways to do so.

Calls for research proposals could be by:

- 1) an advertisement calling for research proposals that meet the criteria set out in the TSSAC Research Plan discussed in agenda item 4.1.
- 2) contacting appropriate research providers to submit proposals for specific research projects identified as priorities by the TSSAC.
- 3) Other options for soliciting research proposals from appropriate providers.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Minor expenses may be incurred by calling for proposals, depending on the process agreed upon.