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Tuesday 19 August 2025	
DAY ONE	17:00 - 19:00 Registration
	17:30 - 19:00 Cocktail Welcome Reception Sponsored by: 
Wednesday 20 August 2025	
DAY TWO	08:00 Registration & Speaker Support Barista Sponsor: 
	09:00 MC intro
	09:05 Conference welcome - Wayne Dredge, Conference Organising Committee
	09:10 Official Conference Opening - Minister Don Farrell, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	09:30 - 10:30 Plenary Session: Darren Lim, Australian National University Maximizing economic prosperity in the Indo-Pacific
	10:30 - 11:00 Morning Tea
	11:00 - 12:45 Session 1 – Global trends Update from the World Seafood Congress - International Association of Fish Inspectors (20min) Tightening belts and getting transparent – what's it to do with fisheries management? -Kate Brooks, Kal Analysis (20min) The global focus on circular economy principles - Natalie Manahan, Regional Circularity Co-operative (20min) Futures of Seafood - Angela Williamson, Blue Economy CRC (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Wayne Dredge, Seafood Industry Victoria (25min)
	12:45 - 13:45 Lunch and Exhibition Sponsored by: 
	13:45 - 15:30 Session 2 – Technology and Innovation Proof on the Water: Deckhand Data Securing Fair Offshore-Wind Compensation - Simon Dick, Real Time Data (20min) Revolutionising fisheries stock assessments using whole genome sequencing - Adam Miller, Cesar Australia (20min) Measuring crustacea in a snapshot - Scott Hadley, University of Tasmania (20min) Advances in protein traceability - Rose Elphick-Darling, Aus Ag Traceability Working Group (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Chris Gillies, Offshore Biotechnology (25min)
	15:30 - 15:40 Quick break and lobster podcast taster
	15:40 - 17:20 Session 3 – Trade Strengthening China trade relations- Tom Parker, Australia China Business Council (20min) Australian lobster across the globe - AusTrade (20min) Export markets and steading the ship - Lee McLean, Australian Grape & Wine (20min) Opportunities and Trends in China's Sustainable Seafood Market - An Yan, Marine Stewardship Council (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Andrew Roberston, Robertson Trading (20min)
	17:30 - 18:30 Afternoon Drinks



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Thursday 21 August 2025		
DAY THREE	07:30	Registration & Speaker Support Barista Sponsor: South Australian Rock Lobster Advisory Council Inc (SARLAC)
	08:00 - 08:10	Day 2 Welcome - Veronica Papacosta, Seafood Industry Australia
	08:10 - 09:30	Session 4 – Fishery Updates Sponsored by: 
		South Australia Southern Zone, Nathan Kimber, SARLA South Australia Northern Zone, Kyri Toumazos, SANZRLFA Tasmania, TBC, TRLFA Victoria, Matt Wassnig, SIV Western Australia, Matt Taylor, WRLC New South Wales, Scott Westley, Eastern Rock Queensland, Brett Arlidge, MG Kailis New Zealand, Mark Edwards, NZRLIC
	09:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session: TBC
	10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea Sponsored by: 
	11:00 - 12:45	Session 5 – Climate and Environment Seasonal climate forecasts to support decision making in Australian fisheries management, Claire Spillman, Bureau of Meteorology (20min) Urchins, lobsters and shared habitats, John Keane, University of Tasmania (20min) Climate Change and Species Range Shifts: Implications for Tasmania's Rock Lobster Fishery, Samantha Twiname, University of Tasmania (20min) Modelling lobster stock connectivity, Katie Cresswell, University of Tasmania (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Ewan Flanagan, Victorian Fisheries Authority (25min)
	12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and Exhibition Sponsored by: South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishery Association
	13:45 - 15:30	Session 6 – Resource Stewardship and Emerging Threats Sponsored by:  Industry leadership, collaboration and capacity: critical ingredients for fisheries policy reform, Russell Barnett, Western Rock lobster Council (15min) West Australian Campaign 2025 – Resource Access Security, Chauncey Hammond, 3 Sticks (10min) From weeds of the sea to cognitive supremacy: tackling the changing face of animal welfare for commercially exploited cephalopods and what this could mean for other marine invertebrates, Zoe Doubleday, University of SA (20min) Does co-existence occur between offshore wind and pot fisheries? Lachlan McKinnon, Brown & May (20min) Shared Seas, Shared Responsibility: Navigating the Global Challenge of Whale Entanglements in Trap Fisheries, Kristen Hoel, OceanWatch (20min) Panel Discussion and Q&A - Moderator: Tom Consentino, Southern Rocklobster Limited (20min)
	15:30 - 15:40	Quick break and lobster podcast taster
	15:40 - 16:40	Plenary Session: Danny Fox – Tasmanian lobster fisher and reality TV personality Building a community of supporters
	16:40 - 16:45	Conference closing - Matt Wassnig, Seafood Industry Victoria
	18:30 - 23:00	Gala Dinner - Hosted by Lehmo, Entertainment by The Robbie Harts