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MINISTERIAL DIRECTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 61 & 62

I, Candy Broad, Minister for Energy and Resources, following consultation with the Fisheries Co-Management Council and the Commercial Bays and Inlets Fishery Committee, and having comments made by those bodies, give the following directions in relation to the Corner Inlet Fishery.

The Corner Inlet Fishery is to continue to be subject to licence reduction in which the number of Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licences will be reduced until all licences in the fishery become consolidated licences which are derived from two previous unconsolidated licences.

The designation by the Secretary regarding the status of each licence as being either consolidated or unconsolidated in accordance with licence records held by the Secretary under the **Fisheries Act 1995** is to remain.

Any two holders of unconsolidated Corner Inlet Fishery Licences and a person seeking the transfer from them of their licences may apply to the Secretary for approval to consolidate the two licences and have the consolidated licence issued to the person seeking the transfer from the existing licence holders.

The Secretary must not consider any application for the transfer of a Corner Inlet Fishery Access Licence unless –

- (a) the applicant satisfies the Secretary, by examination or otherwise, that the applicant or the person nominated on the licence has a competent knowledge of the provisions of the **Fisheries Act 1995** and the Regulations made under that Act which are relevant to the Corner Inlet Fishery; and
- (b) the applicant or the person nominated on the licence to carry out the activities authorised by the licence has a relevant licence or certificate of competency under the **Marine** Act 1988.

Notwithstanding the limitations imposed in this Ministerial Direction, Mrs Noela Cripps may, within 1 year of the grant of probate or letters of administration in respect of Mr Cripps' death or within 2 years of the date of Mr Cripps' death, whichever is the earlier, apply to the Secretary for the transfer of licence No. 10353 in accordance with section 56 of the **Fisheries Act 1995** without being required to apply to the Secretary for approval to consolidate Licence No. 10353 with another unconsolidated licence and have the consolidated licence issued to the person seeking the transfer from the existing licence holders.

This Direction commences on 8 November 2001 and remains in force until revoked.

Dated 7 November 2001

CANDY BROAD Minister for Energy and Resources

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