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OCEANWATCH AUSTRALIA HAS CHANGED BUT CONTINUES TO DELIVER

OceanWatch Australia has been a project based NGO since its inception in 1989. The organisation has seen numerous changes of government in this time, and with a strong Board and innovative management and staff, has always been able to adapt and continue to deliver.

This year there has been a number of changes to OceanWatch Australia.

The loss of Government funding for OceanWatch's long-standing SeaNet project has reduced the capacity in some areas of our organisation. The loss of our passionate and hard-working staff has naturally been disappointing, although some members of the SeaNet team have been incorporated into other areas of our business.

Our CEO for the past five years, Anissa Lawrence, has also decided to move on. Her enthusiasm and dedication has been very much appreciated by the Board and staff.

In response to these changes the Board of Directors has expanded my role as Chair of OceanWatch Australia to that of Executive Chair, with a more operational focus.

I will be supported in this new role by our current Business Development Manager, Lowri Pryce, who has accepted the role of Executive Officer.

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OWA Current projects

OceanWatch Australia is continuing to deliver on numerous projects designed to enhance the sustainability of the Australian seafood industry. These current projects include:

- Our Valuable Estuaries, Coasts and Marine Environs – Making Connections - funded by NSW Environmental Trust
- Manufacture, Distribution and Maintenance of Acoustic Alarms in the Gulf of Carpentaria (Pingers) – funded by the Northern Gulf NRM Group from Commonwealth funds
- Sustainable Seafood Information Portal – funded by Commonwealth Natural Heritage Trust fund
- Tide to Table projects in NSW – funded through the National Landcare Program - are
 - Sydney Metro CMA
 - Hawkesbury Nepean CMA
 - Hunter Central Rivers CMA
- Tide to Table projects in Queensland – funded through the Natural Heritage Trust via NRM regions
 - Burnet Mary NRM Group
 - Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM Group

New Projects in the pipeline

OceanWatch Australia is currently waiting on decisions on many funding applications. If successful with these applications, then this will expand OceanWatch's capability to levels above what we had with the SeaNet project.

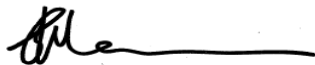
These applications include funding for the following:

- Tide to Table projects, in Queensland, Victoria and NSW
- *TAngler* Bin projects in Victoria and Queensland, and
- to re-establish the national SeaNet Environmental Fisheries Extension Program for Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania



Our current Board, management team and staff remain focussed on, and committed to, working with all our stakeholders to continue to fulfil the vision of OceanWatch Australia.

I will endeavour to keep all our stakeholders up to date on our success as it becomes known.



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