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Reminder to get your marine park review submissions in

NSW Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson and NSW Minister for the Environment Robyn Parker today reminded people that submissions soon close for the NSW Government's independent scientific audit of marine parks.

Written submissions are due by Friday September 30, 2011. Submissions can be made via the website: www.marineparksaudit.nsw.gov.au

"It's important for the community to have a say on this issue," Minister Hodgkinson said.

"This independent scientific audit is following a proven and transparent process that will ensure the delivery of evidence-based outcomes."

The Independent Scientific Audit of Marine Parks in NSW is due to be completed by 31 December, 2011.

"It's vital that stakeholders and those with an interest in this area are able to have their say, so I encourage them to make their submission by the closing date," Ms Parker said.

The audit is being chaired by Associate Professor Robert Beeton with a panel of five members, who are well known for their achievements in fisheries science, marine biodiversity conservation, and social and economic evaluation.

Submissions must be fully referenced and comply with the guidelines provided on the website.

All accepted submissions are being published on the website, along with all other papers considered by the Audit.

The Panel has been meeting regularly during August and September and anyone interested in following their progress can also view meeting summaries on the website.

For more information about the scientific audit, panel members and the terms of reference, visit: www.marineparksaudit.nsw.gov.au

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