



## **NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES PROVIDES GOLD WITH SEAFOOD INDUSTRY AWARDS SPONSORSHIP**

**30 May 2017** - The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) has signed up for the fourth consecutive time as the prestigious Gold Sponsor for the 2017 *Sydney Fish Market Seafood Excellence Awards*.

The *Seafood Excellence Awards* recognise and reward the work of the businesses and individuals providing Australians with the best quality seafood. The awards aim to highlight sustainably harvested seafood while providing businesses with recognition as industry frontrunners.

NSW DPI works to increase the value of primary industries and drive economic growth across the state and engages with the seafood sector to promote industry development, natural resource management, research, and food safety.

Dr Geoff Allan, Deputy Director General DPI Fisheries says "We believe it is important to honour the industry leaders for their achievements and to recognise those making significant contributions to the future of the seafood industry."

"We are proud to have retained Gold sponsorship for the Awards since 2011. This event is an important one on our calendar and we look forward to continuing this valuable partnership".

Sydney Fish Market's General Manager, Bryan Skepper, says: "Having the endorsement of NSW DPI is extremely important for Sydney Fish Market and the financial support ensures we can host a high-quality event that reflects the standard of the work of the nominees. The partnership is demonstrative of Sydney Fish Market and NSW DPI's shared vision for a sustainable seafood industry.

Held across ten key categories, awards will be presented to industry participants who have performed outstandingly in fields including environmental practice, safety, seafood supply, seafood retail and seafood restaurants.

The awards will be held at Sydney Fish Market's Sydney Seafood School, where the winners for each category will be announced. This event will bring together the industry's leaders including commercial fishers, aquaculturists, retailers, wholesalers and restaurateurs as well as key government and environmental groups and the seafood media.

Visit [www.seafoodexcellenceawards.com.au](http://www.seafoodexcellenceawards.com.au) for further information.

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