Chairperson's Summary
SIV Board Meeting #228 of 18 June 2026
Location: SIV Office / Zoom

SIV Financials

- The FAC reported that the FY25-26 P&L is forecast to finish close to budget and that SIV remains in a sound financial position.
- The FAC approved the draft FY26-27 core business budget.

Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill

- The CEO updated the Board on SIV's advocacy regarding the Outdoor Recreation Victoria Bill, including proposed amendments shared with Government, Opposition and crossbench MPs.
- The Shadow Minister for Outdoor Recreation intended to raise several amendments in Parliament aimed at improving how commercial fishing and aquaculture are recognised within the Bill.
- The Board unanimously agreed that having amendments debated in Parliament was a positive outcome compared with the Bill passing in its current form.
- The Board complimented the CEO on his advocacy for greater representation, recognition, focus and safeguards for commercial fishing and aquaculture stakeholders.

Star of the South Offshore Wind Farm

- Environmental assessment documents for the proposed Star of the South Offshore Wind Project off Gippsland are open for consultation.
- SIV will make submissions on both the Commonwealth Environmental Impact Statement and Victorian Environmental Effects Statement.
- SIV's feedback will focus on whether risks to commercial fishing businesses and commercially important species have been appropriately described.

2026 Election Priorities

- The CEO circulated an expanded version of SIV's 2026 Election Priorities, providing additional detail on the high-level commitments announced in April.
- The document will be used to provide stakeholders and MPs with more information regarding the seafood sector's key asks.
- Following Board feedback, the final document will be published on the SIV website and distributed to relevant stakeholders and MPs.

Victorian Seafood App

- The proof-of-concept prototype has been to a higher-fidelity standard for further consumer and retailer testing.
- The Board endorsed a further $7,000 investment with Dave Clark to undertake user testing and gather evidence on what works and what needs refinement.

- The Chair noted that sufficient consumer testing is required to support a convincing business case for grant funding or external investment.
- SIV will work with Dave Clark on a business case to support grant funding applications for Phase 2 (app build) and Phase 3 (go to market).

FY26-27 Core Business Budget

- The CEO presented the draft FY26-27 core business budget, covering forecast revenue and expenses associated with SIV's core advocacy and promotional activities.
- Additional projects will be budgeted separately once funding is secured or a revenue model is developed.
- The budget aims for a break-even position for core business activities and was endorsed by the Board without objection.

CEO Contract Extension

- The Chair recommended extending the incumbent CEO's contract for a further 12 months to 30 June 2027. The Board unanimously supported the extension, with some conditions revised.
- The Board will provide final feedback on the CEO KPI's.

Chair and Deputy Chair Appointments

- The Board agreed to appoint Roland Roccioletti for a further three-year term as Independent Chair.
- Roland committed to greater visibility and more political influence on behalf of SIV where appropriate and in consultation with the CEO.
- The Board discussed the merits of establishing a Deputy Chair position and agreed to defer a decision.

Other Business

- The Board discussed recent Fishwell Consulting research regarding impacts of marine seismic surveys on fish stocks in Bass Strait. The CEO confirmed SIV had referenced the findings when raising concerns with the Commonwealth regulator.
- The CEO will follow up with OzFish in Gippsland regarding the prospect of providing a commercial fishing perspective at its South Gippsland community meeting.

Next meeting - August 2026

Roland Roccioletti
Independent Chairperson