



# Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

**Hearing date:** 11/02/2026

**Question taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Chris Waites, Gippsland Ports

**Received date:** 25/02/2026

**1. P.15 Sarah MANSFIELD**

**Question:** Does Gippsland Ports have any role in developing plans to manage some of those risks, or is that not within your remit?

**Chris WAITES:** I would really need to take that question on notice because I need to clarify the extent of our remit.

**Response:**

Agriculture Victoria, within DEECA, manages biosecurity matters, including Invasive Marine Pests. The Victorian Fisheries Authority and Parks Victoria also have a supporting role. Gippsland Ports, as a local port and waterway manager, does not have a mandated role, however would notify Agriculture Victoria, should it become aware of the presence of invasive marine pests within its waterways/ports.