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### **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2004/05**

1. Late Consultation: All new initiatives must be presented during the annual consultation round when they will receive maximum consultation. If new initiatives can not find their way into this consultation process, they should be deferred until the following year. The hasty so-called consultation of the new initiatives (totalling \$6.18m) comes across as an expensive, disorganised afterthought, and late at that. It is not a good look.

2. Compliance Field Communications – Health and Safety: The commercial sector needs justification for this project including identification by area and species of which commercial fishers are providing such an unsafe environment for Fishery Officers to work in. Area2 fully supports the need for Fishery Officers to be safe and believes it could play a key role in moderating the behaviour of any commercial fishers under its umbrella. However, without the information needed to effect change, Area2 can only be a passive bystander because they are never informed of the “dangerous commercial fishers” in their area.

Should the dangers to Fishery Officers stem from non commercial fishers, then the funding for Compliance Field Communications must come from sources other than the commercial sector.

Please note that if any Area2 Inshore Fin Fishers are causing such grief, then Area2 would be very pleased to assist in dealing to them.

3. Serious Offences Unit: Again, justification is required so that the commercial sector has confidence that cost recovered dollars are not heading into non commercial fishery problems such as black market and poaching activities.

4. Infrastructure Projects: Not enough information given to make comment.