



Oysters Tasmania submission to Jobs and Skills Australia re the 2025 Core Skills Occupations List

Oysters Tasmania is the peak body representing Tasmanian oyster farmers, who employ skilled workers across regional Tasmania to sustainably produce an iconic product.

There is a shortage in Tasmania for each aquaculture occupation. I receive numerous reports from Tasmanian oyster farmers about significant difficulties in filling positions in these occupations, and about these positions remaining unfilled despite generous remuneration. These shortages are impeding production and hence maintaining Australia's low aquaculture production relative to our share of the world's productive waters.

The rest of the world's superior aquaculture production relative to productive waters means there is a preponderance of workers with aquaculture skills overseas. As such, migration is an appropriate path to address Australia's and Tasmania's shortages with respect to aquaculture occupations. In fact, the rest of the world's headstart in aquaculture means that migration is a more appropriate solution with respect to aquaculture occupations than it is for most other occupations.

Occupations for which there is a shortage in Tasmania

ANZSCO	Occupation title
121111	Aquaculture Farmer
234116	Aquaculture or Fisheries Scientist
311114	Aquaculture or Fisheries Technician
363111	Aquaculture Supervisor
363199	Senior Aquaculture Crop and Forestry Workers n.e.c.

Please consider this as evidence for the rating of these occupations to be raised as part of temporary visa considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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