

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

With the expansion of aquaculture in Australia, the Fisheries Research and Development Commission (FRDC) perceived a need to improve coordination between research organisations and industry in the study of fish larvae feeds, and to identify opportunities and priorities for future research. Accordingly, FRDC subsequently requested us to prepare a strategic R&D plan to more appropriately match the needs of industry.

On 9–10 March 2000 we convened a Hatchery Feeds workshop in Cairns, with the following objectives:

1. To assess the status of hatchery feeds, including live and compounded feeds, and to identify research in progress.
2. To assess priorities for research and development needs in the area of hatchery feeds.
3. To identify constraints to the continued development of Australian aquaculture in the area of hatchery feeds.
4. To identify opportunities to enhance collaboration and information exchange amongst researchers and industry.
5. To develop a national R&D plan for hatchery feeds.

This document contains extended abstracts from presentations delivered at that meeting by the research community. Due to time constraints, industry representatives did not give individual presentations, but their viewpoints were captured in an open forum (see Abstract 21). We did, however, invite industry representatives to submit written viewpoints, and these are included in the second half of this document. The R&D plan arising from the workshop is available in a companion document: *Hatchery Feeds Research and Development Plan 2000-2005*.

Both the *Hatchery Feeds Workshop Proceedings* and the *Hatchery Feeds Research and Development Plan 2000-2005* are available for download at the following site:

<http://www.aims.gov.au/hatchery-feeds>

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