

## Research and Development Activity FRDC will / will not fund

*The FRDCs core business is RD&E, and priority is given to investments in innovation, not the routine application of science.*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b><i>Agri-political activity</i></b>	<p>The FRDC <u>will not invest</u> in agri-political activity. The FRDC believes that this type of activity is more appropriately undertaken by industry.</p> <p>FRDC <u>may invest</u> in tools for assisting industry with promotion activities.</p>
<b><i>Fisheries restocking</i></b>	<p>The FRDC <u>will not invest</u> in fisheries re-stocking.</p> <p>FRDC <u>may invest</u> in the RD&amp;E components of fish re-stocking related projects providing those components meet the basic requirements of RD&amp;E in terms of being innovative and resulting in new knowledge, processes and technology.</p>
<b><i>Fishery or enterprise level certification</i></b>	<p>The FRDC <u>will not invest</u> in the direct costs of fisheries certification for individual fisheries or enterprises to gain quality or environmental certification [e.g. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), and Friends of the Sea]] or in the on-going roll out of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) or Codes of Practice.</p> <p>FRDC <u>may invest</u> in tools for assisting with these activities; such as tools to develop certification processes and procedures; or novel tools for EMS development.</p>
<b><i>Stock assessment</i></b>	<p>The FRDC <u>will not invest</u> in stock assessment, the data required to undertake a stock assessment, or the development, refinement or running of stock assessment models <b><u>unless</u></b> the collection or method for collection or assessment <u>is new and innovative</u> or supports developmental fisheries.</p> <p>Similarly, the FRDC <u>will not fund</u> projects associated with other management activities such as the maintenance and running of harvest strategies and management strategy evaluations associated with a fishery or stock or transferring techniques and technology from one fishery to another. <i>(eg where a fishery will be undertaking a harvest strategy for the first time using techniques and methods from other fisheries as examples, this is considered the core business of the management agency).</i></p> <p>However, the FRDC <u>may invest</u> in the RD&amp;E components of these activities providing those components meet the basic requirements of RD&amp;E in terms of being <u>innovative and resulting in new knowledge, processes and technology, technology transfer or adoption.</u></p> <p>RD&amp;E around a new stock assessment method or refining an existing method <u>would be considered</u> by the FRDC.</p>

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<b>Training</b>	<p>The FRDC <i>does not invest</i> in training when other funding sources are more appropriate; or where the benefit is clearly commercial.</p> <p>FRDC <u>may invest</u> in developing tools or methods to assist industry train participants for efficiently and effectively (<i>eg FishSafe and SeSafe</i>)</p>
<b>Capital</b>	<p>The FRDC <u>will not usually invest</u> in capital that would be expected to form part of the research provider's infrastructure capacity.</p> <p>The FRDC <u>prefers to cover the depreciation or leasing costs</u> of a capital item that is directly attributable to a project.</p> <p><u>If the FRDC does invest in capital</u>, it must relate directly to the cost of undertaking RD&amp;E, any residual value in the capital item at the completion of the project must be returned to the FRDC.</p> <p><i>However, the FRDC is prepared to consider each case on its specific merits.</i></p>
<b>Marketing</b>	<p>The FRDC will not provide investment in the direct funding of marketing activities such as advertising campaigns, store promotions and product placement.</p> <p>However, the FRDC can provide funds to undertake market research that may be more broadly applicable to the jurisdictional and/or national industry sector.</p>
<b>Retrospective activities</b>	<p>The FRDC <u>will not fund</u> expenditure related to activities that have been undertaken prior to approval of funding.</p>

For more information

- [FRDC R&D Plan 2020–2025](#)
- [R&D Plan factsheet](#)
- [Draft 2030 Fish Forever Vision](#)
- [RAC webpage](#)