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**Prawn farmers lash lack of government will power over seafood labelling laws.**

The Australian Prawn Farmers Association today condemned the lack of political spine after the Senate voted down legislation to force the labelling of cooked seafood in restaurants and take away outlets.

APFA President Matt West, said “a perfect opportunity to allow Australian consumers the right to choose knowing where their seafood comes from have been squandered”.

The senate today voted the Bill down 39 -15 with the Greens supporting the push for the change with Independent senator Nic Xenophon who sponsored the Bill.

Mr West said “even though both sides of the house had expressed support for the concept of this labelling when it came to the crunch their lack of will power to force it through and blame it on what really amounts to a technicality in terms of breach of trade.

The government needs to stop listening to powerful self interest groups and instead listen to the seafood groups that want to advance an industry that will provide revenue and employment for thousands of Australians.

APFA has no intention of letting this matter rest and will join with other stakeholders to continue to lobby for these laws to become reality.

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