

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

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Dear Committee Members

As the President of the Narooma Fishing Club I will only be dealing with the Batemans MP and the local area of Narooma and Montagu Island in this submission

1 Since day one the MPA have used so called science to close areas off to the public under the claim of new scientific evidence yet have never been able to produce it. As one example they closed Nangudga Lake under this banner and even went as far to put there lies in writing with the end result closing the only safe prawning and fishing ground that was considered very safe for family and the old to enjoy in Narooma and is next to a caravan park

2 The Sanctuary zones placed around Montagu Island and Fullers beach stretch many miles out to sea and as the MPA cannot put any markers out to show the zones it is just used for a revenue raiser as it is totally unworkable to everybody whether local or visitor and serves no purpose to anybody

3 The introduction of the BMP saw 23 business close in Narooma in it's first 6 months of being declared

4 The fishing club is now required to obtain a permit to fish in the MP yet the MPA have not got a application form that covers fishing clubs (not acceptable as the MPA has been in operation for 18 years now) and the person that puts his or her name down as the permittee is held responsible for other peoples actions

5 The MP advisory committee is stacked with radical greens

6 The science being used by the MPA is flawed

7 The MPA is continual in its use of trying to be the fish police yet we have a little department called NSW Fisheries that all fishing clubs work in with

8 The lack of the MPA managers to be able to work with fishing clubs and take any viable suggestions they have to make the MP work

On a closing note the MPA has got very little support for it in Narooma and with the continual BS they produce they never will and most feel this department would be better run by NSW Fisheries which has the scientific expertise to do the job required and not a Department that is trying to pander to radical greens based in inner Sydney

Thank you