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INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

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I wish to make the following submission with regard to the Inquiry into Recreational Fishing.

It is essential that recreational fishing be managed in a responsible and **balanced** manner.

Representatives from the recreational fishing community must be involved in the decision making process to achieve this balance. Consultation and communication with the community must also be a part of the process.

Public access to public natural resources for recreational enjoyment cannot be withdrawn from the public of NSW.

NSW river, lake and coastal communities would suffer if recreational fishing were not managed responsibly. Recreational fishing impacts on the local economy of these communities through tourism, boat maintenance and repair facilities, bait, fishing gear, boat & trailer purchases, charter/hire of boats, marinas etc.

Whilst I agree that it is necessary to protect the marine life from over fishing simply creating marine zones resulting in closure of public access to recreational areas is not the answer. The committee has to consider other threats to the marine life such as pollution, introduced species and diseases such as QX which destroyed oyster farming on the Hawkesbury River and inappropriate development.

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