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INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

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Dear Sirs,

We have all been through a tough economic time in the past couple of years, with a down turn in the Marine Market over 2 years ago, and then the additional impact of the GFC. In our Industry (the Marine Industry) we have seen a fair number of Business's Close, and others downsize to enable them to survive.

TR MarineWorld employees 20 Staff in Sydney's Northwest and services most areas of NSW with the Sale of Recreational Trailer Boats and the local area with the Sale of Parts and Service of Boats & Engines. And TR MarineWorld is proud to have ridden out these difficult financial times without having sack any staff and to continue to pay our bills.

Recreational Fishing & Boating is the life blood of our Industry, any reduction in the areas available for this would be catastrophic to an industry that already has to face the challenges of being considered a luxury item and is as highly seasonal just to make it that much more difficult.

Moving on from the Economic effects of decreases to recreational fishing & Boating areas, there is also the social impact that this could cause. Fishing (with or without a boat) is the most popular sport in the country. It's something that can be and has been enjoyed by families, for countless years.

As a Government you should be promoting leisure activities that families can activity participate in together...The Fishing family is a strong one, the parents know where their Kids are, and once they have the fishing bug, the family stays together.....No kids out on the grog in the streets when they have to be up to go fishing the next day. Fishing is a good clean healthy sport, that anyone can do, and it tends to be done as a family.

Your committee should look at using the \$\$\$ Raised by the recreational fishing licences more effectively, increasing the

areas available to recreational fishing and boating, and building this excellent Australian Family Leisure activity. Not reducing it there fore putting more strain on the Marine Industry and more people into the Pubs and Streets with nothing to do.

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