

Submission  
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## INQUIRY INTO RECREATIONAL FISHING

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Director & Committee

In regards to the submissions before your committee, our fishing club members have expressed great interest in this inquiry.

Also in our local communities recreational fishers have voiced extreme unrest about the loss of "Four setlines" in river systems west of the Great Divide and are keen to see resolve in these matters.

Previous decisions made in regard to inland fisheries regulations, seem to be made on little or no research, or no consultation with the regions to be affected by these restrictions and changes.

Points of unrest :

\*Loss of revenue to government Eg; Boat licence/rego's, Fishing licences.  
leading to less funding for fisheries.

\*Loss of income to small communities along rivers.

\*Loss of sales to boat/fishing, bait & tackle outlets.

\*Younger Generation restricted in recreational choices.

\*Closure of Recreational Fishing Clubs due to lack of interest and no younger members joining.

\*In regard to the decline & stress on Native Species, all reports in our region, show "exceptionally" good numbers of small fish are being caught and released, in the Murrumbidgee / Darling and Lachlan rivers.

\*Concerns about Water Flows, or Lack of them, in rivers and catchment areas leading to large numbers of fish deaths due to this problem.

\*Damage to fish stocks and habitats would more prevalent due to the above mentioned , than Recreational Fishing causes.

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We hope this inquiry will help with ongoing future of Recreational Fishing for the tradgic's like myself and all who hold a passion for fishing!

For all involved best of intentions.

We eagerly await the outcomes and your reply, THANK YOU!

Secretary,  
Northside Leagues Club  
Fishing Club

Graeme Hurst.