

INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I'm a 4th generation 30 year old commercial fisherman with the hopes of a long prosperous future in the industry but if the reform goes through it will destroy my job , way of life and my family not to mention what else I will lose. We have already lost a entire river (hastings river) to the hurricane obied goverment in 02 which we will never recover from and now we have this hurdle we seemed to be made to jump through hoops regularly with no benefit to ourselves.

I was promised that there would be plenty of shares and the minister has spoken widely about this but I have been trying to buy for 12 months with no luck. im only on 100 shares on each endorsments and need 125 shares on each to even go to work so I rang Darren Reynolds (director of fisheries) and asked if I couldn't find these shares what would happen to my job and future and his answer was simple jeremy if you don't find the shares by July 2017 you won't have a job! Geez that's easy with just a strike of a pen to completely ruin a mans livelyhood and future and my kids future, what has australia become the import everything and no job country! A normal buyout would have been suffice but no they want everyone to suffer stop it now before it's too late!