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## **INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I find decision making from DPI and management SARC and others unfair in granting some estuary general arrangements that have already been implemented on interim basis and other methods have been put on hold till 2018. Regarding estuary general trap for instance new interim rules state that for every ten shares above 125 one extra trap is granted, why can't hand gathering be brought forward on the same interim. Several fishers have additional shares above the 125 shares that they need to form an endorsement but cannot utilise them till 2018. Example every 25 shares above the 125 required should equal an extra 8 kg using current quota system fishers are paying for shares they cannot use in this period. Regarding transfer rules are out of date and need to be abolished for instance during port reform meeting we were told to consolidate our shares of the same method to save on the new fees introduced 40%. I did this with my Clarence River prawn trawl shares on DPIS advice 2 years later I bought another trawler thinking I could put these shares back on the FB they originally came from but no I couldn't once I amalgamated the two lots 150 shares. DPI told me I lost my endorsement on one lot of 150 shares, we were told to consolidate but weren't told I couldn't transfer these shares back to FB they came from.

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