

**INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF  
CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW**

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Dear Sir or madam

I wish to put forward my thoughts on the NSW fishing industry reforms. I began as a commercial fisher in 1987 and have watched the fisheries that I participate in slowly decline over the years through the lack of management. Over a working year I had three target species now to get through the year I can target as many as seven. I now work over an area roughly three times larger than I had to some years ago. I feel both these points show that current management is ineffectual at best and sporadic, directionless and serving no practical purpose at worst.

The obvious examples of the benefits that a good management plan can bring are the NSW lobster fishery and the south Australian Ocean prawn fishery both of which would appear to be viable and sustainable. I had the opportunity in 2011 to visit Seattle and speak to some fisherman that work in Puget Sound their opinion was that before a management plan was put in place they were headed for disaster where as now they had a viable future their industry was now worth investing in.

I have heard some fishers argue that we don't need this reform. The threat of financial hardship and change are scary prospects for us all but to abandon the chance for sustainable well managed industry would scare me more

The continued failure to address the current state of the fishing industry in NSW with sound goal orientated management that is targeted towards sustainability and viability needs to end. A gutless cop out won't help anyone.

Kind Regards,