

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

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I am a second generation fisherman, I have been actively fishing on the Clarence river since 1996, and all the dpi has done over the last 20 years has restricted and taken area away from my business. The introduction of share management fisheries has been a complete debarkle as they are activating all the non active shares & forcing fishermen to buy more shares to continue to operate a business that we have already paid for. As of the 1st July 2017 I am unable to operate my fishing business unless I pay for more shares to which the dpi have over allocated, why should we be financially disadvantaged and pay for the mistakes of the dpi. The share trading will reactivate dormant share in the industry at our expense, and will make the industry less sustainable as more effort will be place on the fishery. This is being demonstrated now with the crabbing fishery. In the past an endorsement allowed 10 traps now fisherman have up to 50-60 crab traps activated in the same estuary. The government should have purchased the dormant share which they over allocated and the reform would have been complete. Allegedly many committee members who assisted dpi set up the reform have already obtained full quota of required shares in their specified endorsements, prior to general fisherman having this knowledge of the outcome of meetings, is this insider trading?