

Submission  
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## INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

**Name:** Name suppressed

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I have been fishing for 40 years. I work the Tuggerah Lakes which is in region 4. I have had to buy an extra 25 shares in prawning so that I will have enough to continue to work in 2017, which I had to borrow from my coop on my shares. To continue to fish when I am not prawning I will have to buy more shares in meshing. I have a 125 shares at the moment which will give me 93 days fishing, at 24 hours. I use a Flathead net most of the time I work. This net is only out from sunset to sunrise. So this means I will lose at least 12 hours a day for the time I use this net. I will not put myself or my family into a large amount of debt, to buy extra shares when you are not guaranteed the money from product you catch. Eg: prawns are scarce this year so there is no guarantee I can pay back a debt. The price I have seen on the notice board are asking about \$73000.00 for 125 mesh shares. There has only been a couple in region 4 for sale. This means if I can not work my allotted days I will have to go on the dole.