

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

Name: Mr Bradley Dixon

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Confidential

To the comitee,

I am writing this in the hope that as a commercial fisher, myself and fellow fisherman can have a fair go.

The BAP as it stands will put me out of business, a business in which I purchaced only 4 years ago for \$100,000 + another \$30-40,000 in the last four years to have a business to suit mine and my familys needs. I am a husband and father to 3 young children and if I am to continue to run a successful business supporting my family and doing exactly what I am doin I would have to spend in excess of \$250,000 in shares (which my family can in no way afford), and that is if the shares are even available in the endorsements that I need.

I have tried to secure some more Region 2 mud crabbing to no avail as they have all been bought up by other fishers some of which don't even fish in said share class.

\$250,000 is only an estimate in what I may need next year and could blow out to thousands of dollars more as I said I have only been fishing for four years now and have shown that each year my catch has gone up as I learn more about the industrie. Hopefully we get the BAP thrown away and a more sustainable program put in place in the future, one with real input from the fisherman that it will impact.

Many thanks Brad Dixon