

**Submission
No 51**

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

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I would like to express my concerns,

I have bought into this fishing business two years ago with a life long passion being in and around the local and state fishing community with the intention of building a business with meshing, set prawning, handlining and crabbing and being a commercial fisherman for the remainder of my working life with the potential of passing it down for generations to come.

However with the new reforms and share trading to come I would not have the finance to have the adequate amount of shares to fish as I do now my business is just lifting off and becoming viable to support my young family.

So in all if these reforms pass crabbing will be well out of my reach and the dollars I would have to spend to fish (meshing) would be a to much for I mesh all year round and I would have to have three times the shares I have now.

In brief if all goes the way the government intends myself and many of my young fellow fisherman who also have young families will have to sell and leave our local are in search of employment because this is a small fishing town.

Kind regards, Grant Rooks