

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

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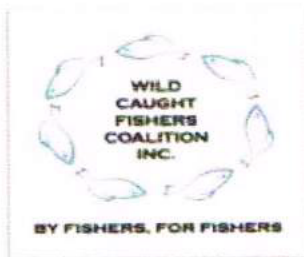
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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 4

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 8 Years

I have many concerns for the way the commercial fishery is being managed in NSW and draw your attention to my personal views on the following:

The Impact to my Business Shareholding is as follows:

Fishery <u>Trap Line OTLD</u>	Shares held: <u>50</u>	Shares now required <u>50</u>
Fishery <u>Ocean Trap Line OTLLW</u>	Shares held: <u>75</u>	Shares now required <u>60</u>
Fishery <u>Ocean Haul General OHG4</u>	Shares held: <u>80</u>	Shares now required <u>0</u>
Fishery <u>Estuary General Handline EGHHC4</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>375</u>
Fishery <u>Estuary General Prawnning EGP4</u>	Shares held: <u>150</u>	Shares now required <u>150</u>
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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

To meet requirements as stated by reform I have had to Purchase
10 x OTLD , 25 x EGP4 , 35 x OTLLW .
\$60,000 Plus So far.

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: I have had to sell my Vehicle &
downgrade to a Vehicle Valued at \$0 , Drew to max on
business line credit, & draw on home loan



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Subsidised Trading:

(circle the answer you support)

- In Your opinion is it fair? Yes / ☒ No
- Has the process been adequately explained? Yes / ☒ No
- Can you access a computer? ☒ Yes / No
- Did the training answer your questions? Yes / ☒ No
- Can you have ease of trading your shares knowing that you will get
enough to continue what you did pre the reform? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you agree that you are trying to buy back your job? ☒ Yes / No
- Have you borrowed money? ☒ Yes / No
- How will the debt you have incurred affect your viability?
- It will be better? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you see that you will have more value in your business? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you agree to the need to linking shares with effort or quota? Yes / ☒ No
- Do you perceive that the process has made it impossible for you to
regain shares to reach the level of effort for your business viability? ☒ Yes / No
- Did you support the message to the Minister that inactive share
holders should be offered a buy-out first with a fair offer? ☒ Yes / No
- Did you support the message to the Minister that NO fisher should be
Forced to buy back their jobs to do what they do today? ☒ Yes / No
- Is paying even 5% or 10% for the shares taking you into too much debt? ☒ Yes / No
- Are you able to participate in the share trading? ☒ Yes / No
- Do you support how this reform has been structured? Yes / ☒ No
- In the period 2007 to 2016 have you ever agreed to a Reform in this manner? ... Yes / ☒ No
- Did your Management Advisory Committee agree to a reform in this manner? ... Yes / ☒ No



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Did you know about the 'Pymont Pact' and the decision by NSW Seafood Industry Advisory Committee? To remove 100% inactive effort and 50% active effort? ... Yes / **No**

Do you support this to be a fair strategy for 2016? Yes / **No**

Do you agree to the method selected by DPI to use the collective Catch History of the individual fisher, divide this with all fishers across the state in a pro rata distribution for some fisheries to develop quota and or effort? Yes / **No**

If you disagreed with the Linkage options and the reform; were you welcome to sit at the working group meetings **Yes** / No

Can you clearly make a business decision from the information that has been provided to you for this Business structural adjustment program at this stage? Yes / **No**

Are you aware of any harvest strategy or cost benefit analysis? Yes / **No**

Mock/Preview Share trading:

Did you participate in this? **Yes** / No

Did this resolve your questions? Yes / **No**

Please explain:

Have had no response/feedback at all
from DPI
This is a Joke.



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Commercial Fishers Personal Views

(Circle the answer you support)

Has DPI given you any information and analysis of the outcome of the trading?

.....Yes / **No**

Is it a satisfactory result?

Yes / **No**

Please explain:

No response all

Is your current debt prohibiting you from borrowing for your business? Yes / **No**

Please verify did you utilize the grant for financial advisor? Yes / **No**

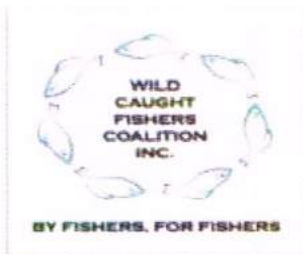
Did the advisor confidently recommend investment? **N/A** Yes / No

Do you support the changes for unendorsed crew brought out in July? Yes / **No**

Why? They should have endorsement for Category
to fish.

Were you adequately advised of these changes? Yes / **No**
your views:

Do you have the changes in writing that give you clear directions on what is
permissible in your region? Yes / **No**



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Personal Commercial Fishers views:

(Circle the answer you support)

Do you have issues in your region with the Prawn Draw?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please explain

Due to Certain fishers having excessive N° Shares and being able to have Unendorsed Crew working for them they are now able to ^{Prawn} majority of nights of month to Prawn. Not allowing other crews then enough nights to Prawn to make a living

Do you support the further culling of Active commercial fishers from the inshore waters estuaries and lakes in NSW?

Yes /

☒ No

Please explain:

Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions

Yes

☒ No

Why?



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Personal Commercial Fishers views

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Is there now a visible Increase of trap setting in your region that concerns you?

☒ Yes / ☐ No.

If you're an Indigenous Fisher:

N/A.

Have you been informed of your future participation in the reform adequately?

Please explain:

Are you being ostracised by other fishers since the trapping and hauling net and prawn draw changes have occurred ☒ Yes / ☐ NO

Please explain: _____

If you are a Line West or Line East Fisher please state which fishery and if you know what is proposed for your fishery..... ☒ Yes / ☐ No.

Please clarify: Reg 4 Line West Purchase addition 20 Shares Reg.



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Personal Commercial Fishers views

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Given there is approximately 1% of the Australian Population allowed to commercially fish to provide seafood for approximately 78% of the population who do not fish recreationally do you agree that there is a major management issue in providing local seafood to local communities in NSW? ☒ Yes / No

Your views:

Further Comments.

Remember to attach correspondence you have sent to DPI, or the Minister,



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Estuary General		
Region 1	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		

Estuary General		
Region 2	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		

Estuary General		
Region 3	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		



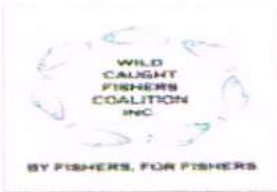
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Estuary General		
Region 4	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning	150	
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew	125	375

Estuary General		
Region 5	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		

Estuary General		
Region 6	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		



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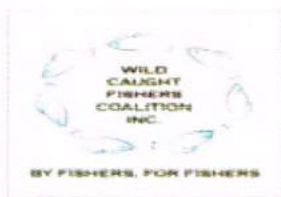
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Estuary General		
Region 7	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		

Ocean Haul		
Region 1	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
General		
Hauling net General Purpose		
Garfish Net		
Pilchard Anchovy & Bait Net		
Purse Seign		

Ocean Haul		
Region 2	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
General		
Hauling net General Purpose		
Garfish Net		
Pilchard Anchovy & Bait Net		
Purse Seign		

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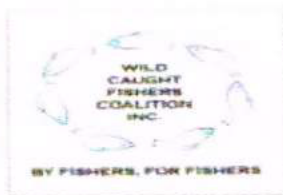
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Region 4	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
General	80	—
Hauling net General Purpose		
Garfish Net		
Pilchard Anchovy & Bait Net		
Purse Seign		

Ocean Haul		
Region 5	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
General		
Hauling net General Purpose		
Garfish Net		
Pilchard Anchovy & Bait Net		
Purse Seign		

Ocean Haul		
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Ocean Trap and Line		
Statewide	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Demersal Fish Trap	50	20
Line West	75	—
Line East		
School and Gummy		
Spanner Crab North		
Spanner Crab South		

Ocean Trawl		
Statewide	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Northern Fish Trawl		
Southern Fish Trawl		
Deepwater Prawn Trawl		
Inshore Prawn Trawl		
Offshore Prawn Trawl		

Estuary Prawn Trawl		
	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Clarence River		
Hunter River		
Hawkesbury River		