

**Submission  
No 67**

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

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Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW

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Parliament of NSW 2000

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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: 37 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>Meshing</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required: <del>375</del> <u>375</u>
Fishery <u>Mud Crabbing</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required: <del>375</del> <u>375</u>
Fishery <u>Prawning</u>	Shares held: <u>250</u>	Shares now required: <u>0</u> Because my father gave me 125
Fishery <u>H/Lining</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required: <del>375</del> <u>375</u>
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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

I have not pre purchased any shares except prawns shares because i have never agreed to these changes and still dont.

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation:

I am 54 years old and left school to fish. I know nothing else and why should I spend at least \$250 000 which I do not have, just to do what I do now



BY FISHERS, FOR FISHERS

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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 'Pyrmont 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

*Absolutely discussing*

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:

*I couldn't get the email at first and when I did couldn't understand it so I missed out.*



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### Commercial Fishers Personal Views

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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:

I'm a really good fisherman but  
when it comes to stuff like this I  
can't understand it and when I asked questions

*1/2 couldn't be answered*

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? .....  Yes / No

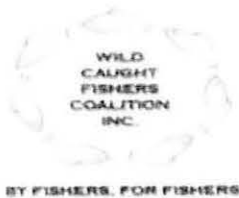
Do you support the changes for unendorsed crew brought out in July? Yes /  No

Why? Because this will enable  
some fishers to do ten times more  
effort than they could on their own

Were you adequately advised of these changes? ..... Yes /  No

your views: We were not adequately  
advised on this reform right from the  
start and the fisherman that were  
representing us never told or asked us anything

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 your support)

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

Before this I was only allowed 10 traps for crabs now I can use my 10 and 35 that I can lease.  Yes  No

If you're an Indigenous Fisher: Unbelievable

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

Please explain:

This will start that many fights between rec fishers and ourselves. And I don't blame them. Last year my ten traps were in amongst rec traps and didn't even notice them. This year I got 48 in amongst them and it looks like they are all mine. Pathetic!!! on behalf of DPI.

Are you being ostracised by other fishers since the trapping and hauling net and prawn draw changes have occurred ..... Yes  No

Please explain: But I have heard of many cases up and down the coast.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

Australians are finally coming to terms that imported (most) seafood is grown in a disturbed way and ~~for~~ health reasons cannot and will not eat it. So they want fresh local product. The price of these products if the reform goes through in my opinion is going to go through the roof and unaffordable to most people.

Further Comments.

~~Here attached is a letter I sent to Scott Hansen about the way that the days were allocated to each fisherman.~~

The way we were given our days per region % Region 4 96 days a year for meshing.

We do a daily return on how many fish we catch and where

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





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We catch them (how many days a year you work). Now all these days were divided by all the fishers in each region and divided equally amongst every fisher.

Now this means that fishers that did not work at all (only owned a licence got days that they were not entitled to.

I work at least 300 days a year and I was only given 96 of them. So I worked my ass off all year and the DPI gave 204 of my days that I earned ~~with~~ ~~to~~ to fishers that did not even fish. IS THIS FAIR.

NO!!!