

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

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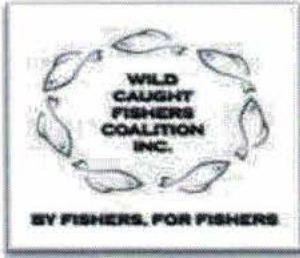
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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: One

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 33 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 <u>1000</u>
Fishery <u>Crab Trapping</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>250</u>
Fishery <u>Prawn Hauling</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
Fishery <u>Hand Gathering (Pipis)</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>?</u>
Fishery <u>Hand Line / Hauling Crew</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>250</u>
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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

Can Not Pre Purchase Shares In Region One
Because They Are Not Available

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: Pissed Of And More Pissed Of

Stress Worry



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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**

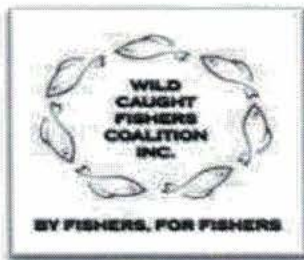
Are you aware of any harvest strategy or cost benefit analysis? Yes / **No**

Mock/Preview Share trading:

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

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

Please explain:



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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:

DPI Does What It Wants When It
Wants. Never Listens To Anyone

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? Not Aware Of Them

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

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

Yes / ☒ No

Please explain:

*It Creates Inconcistency In Supply
Markets Either Find Something From Elsewhere
Or Close Down.*

Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions

Yes / ☒ No

Why?

*To Much Effort Shift From One Region
To Another*



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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:

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 occurredYes / **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: _____



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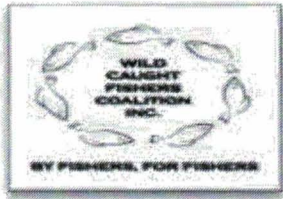
Given there is approximately 1% of the Australian Population allowed to commercially fish to provide seafood for approximately 78% of the population who do not fish recreationally do you agree that there is a major management issue in providing local seafood to local communities in NSW?Yes / No

Your views:

Further Comments.

The Whole Process Could Have Been As Simple As Minimum Share Holdings. If You Owned More You Could Use Them. More Meshing Shares = Extra Net Length Or A Crew. More Crab Trapping Shares = More Traps To Use. More Prawnig Shares = A Crew. More Handgathering Shares = More K.I's. And So On.

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	125	1000
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling	125	?
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap	125	250
Prawning	125	125
Hand Gathering	125	?
Handline and Haul Crew	125	250

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		