

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

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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 1

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 40 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 OPTIS Shares held: 64 Shares now required 65

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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

I refuse to pre purchase shares

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



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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

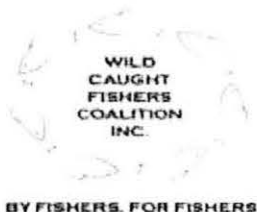
Are you aware of any harvest strategy or cost benefit analysis? Yes / ☒ No

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:

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? unfair

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:

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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:

Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions Yes / No

Why?
