

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

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Send to:

The Director

Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW

Upper House Committee

Parliament of NSW 2000

SYDNEY

NSW

From:

Name: JAMES WILLIAM ELLIOTT

Address: _____

Date: 7 / 12 / 2016



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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: 63 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 EGM 4 Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery EGP 4 Shares held: 125 Shares now required —

Fishery EGT 4 Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery EGMC 4 Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery EGHHC 4 Shares held: 125 Shares now required —

Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

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Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

I have had to pre purchase shares because:

I have not pre-purchased shares
because I feel the reform process
is morally wrong. Shares should not have
been traded before reform officially began as most

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: fishers were disadvantaged
with those in the know being able to go
ahead and buy shares.



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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? N/A 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

If you disagreed with the Linkage options and the reform; were you welcome to sit at the working group meetings *Don't know* 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:

There have been no results from the mock/preview share trading. I have no confidence in the DPI.



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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? N/A Yes / No

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

Why? _____

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

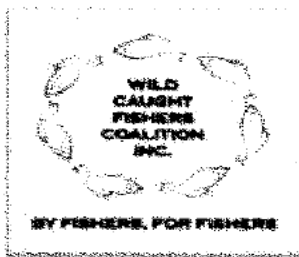
N/A

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:

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

Please explain:

N/A

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:

N/A



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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,

 **Welcome James William Elliot**

Your last login was at 17/10/2016 12:58 PM

 **Round 1** Ends 05:00 PM
Monday 24 October

Buy or sell specific components - The bid was confirmed at 17/10/2016 01:06 PM

FB 1101 - ELLIOTT, James William

Share holdings with no buy bids or sell offers

| Share class | Holding | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Estuary General Meshing Region 4 | 125 | <input type="button" value="Buy"/> | <input type="button" value="Sell"/> |
| Estuary General Prawning Region 4 | 125 | <input type="button" value="Buy"/> | <input type="button" value="Sell"/> |

Buy

| Share class | Buy Cap | Holding | Min No. | Max No. | Unit Price | |
|--|---------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Estuary General Trapping Region 4 | 730 | 125 | <input type="text" value="125"/> | <input type="text" value="125"/> | \$ <input type="text" value="150"/> | <input type="button" value="Remove"/> |
| Estuary General Mud Crab Trapping Region 4 | 625 | 125 | <input type="text" value="125"/> | <input type="text" value="125"/> | \$ <input type="text" value="150"/> | <input type="button" value="Remove"/> |
| Maximum total to pay if all bids are successful | | | | \$ 37,500 | | |

Sell

| Share class | Holding | Units | Unit Price |
|-------------|---------|-------|------------|
|-------------|---------|-------|------------|

Estuary General Handline and Hauling
Crew Region 4

125

125

\$

40

Remove

**Minimum total to receive
if all sell offers are successful**

\$ 5,000.00☒ Confirm bid