

**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: 4

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 35 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:

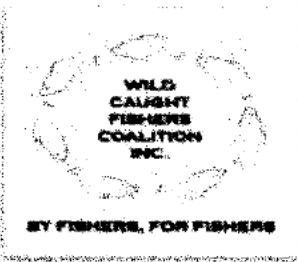
Fishery <u>Trapping</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>375</u>
Fishery <u>Meshing</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>225</u>
Fishery <u>Prawning</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>150</u>
Fishery <u>Handline Haul crew</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>375</u>
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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

I haven't pre purchased any shares I have been waiting for share trading.

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: This whole ordeal has been

stressful enough on my family & myself and we don't know whether we will be able to afford to purchase them.



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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 ☒

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 ☒

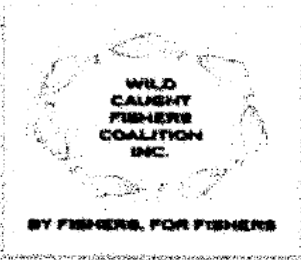
Mock/Preview Share trading:

Did you participate in this? _____ Yes ☐ No ☒

Did this resolve your questions? _____ Yes ☐ No ☒

Please explain:

We participated and never recieved any results and in the email we recieved we were told we would be told.



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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:

We haven't recieved any results.

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

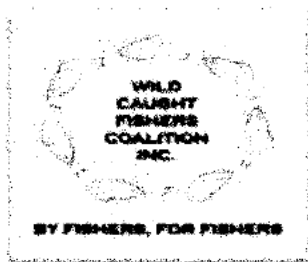
Why? I don't think there should be any unendorsed crew, because it is taking jobs of the endorsed crew.

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

your views: We were told that they were coming out in 2017 for endorsed crew, and we don't know why they brought it out earlier.

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

there isn't a problem yet, but if the reform goes ahead there will be fishers with 250 share that will be allowed to go into the draw with unendorsed crew, and two fishers need 150 shares each.

Do you support the further culling of Active commercial fishers from the inshore waters estuaries and lakes in NSW? Yes / ☒ No

Please explain:

in our area there is plenty of resources, for the fishers to make a good living, I don't think that any should be culled out.

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

Why?

I don't support any Quota.



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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: I think that it is unfair
for fishers with money to be allowed
to do extra stuff, I think all fishers
with endorsements should be equal.

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:

because we are not using our
resources to there potential consid
we buy 80% of imported products
from overseas that some of there
fisheries are not sustainable.

Further Comments.

I have been fishing for 35 yrs &
in that time i've seen alot of fishers
leave the industry with buyouts from
marine parks & recreational havens, &
at this point of time in this area there
is a good number of fishers who make
a good living and provide fresh fish
to the community & the Sydney
fish Markets. I reject this reform
because I don't agree on Quota's

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



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because blue swimmer crabs & mud crabs are a seasonal product that the weather will determine if it is going to be good year or an average year. I don't agree on day's because the way alot of fishers work at the moment, we will do one or two shot in a 24 hr period, but if it goes to days we will be squeezing 8 to 10 shots in a 24 hr period. So in short I think that all fishers should be equal, as in one endorsement is equal to another, as in effort. My fishing business has been viable for the last 35yrs with raising a family of 4 and I hope by bringing the reform in, it doesn't make me unviable because I would have to borrow money to do what I'm doing now.