

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

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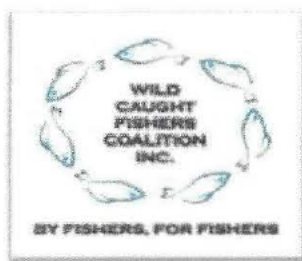
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## Commercial Fisher Personnel Comments to the Inquiry

### Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 3

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 47 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:

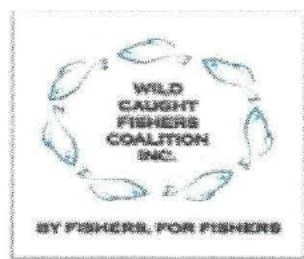
Fishery <u>Estuary General Handline <sup>Hauling crab</sup></u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>unknown</u>
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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

I was informed that I would not be able to take part in the fishery unless I could purchase 25 shares in the prawn fishery

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: My Business will have a ceiling on my

income. The worry's weather I can cope with the changes or not. I have hope to retain my life, mortgage, insurance etc.



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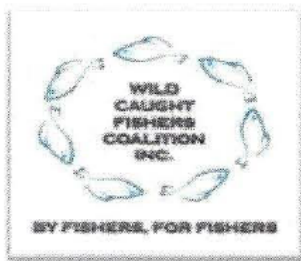
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### Subsidised Trading:

(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

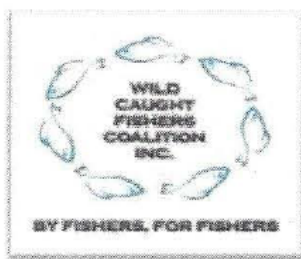
Mock/Preview Share trading:

Did you participate in this? ..... Yes / No

Did this resolve your questions? ..... Yes / No

Please explain:

I do not have access to a computer so a lot  
of things happen that I'm not able to do.



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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:

If you've had no communication how can it  
be satisfactory

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

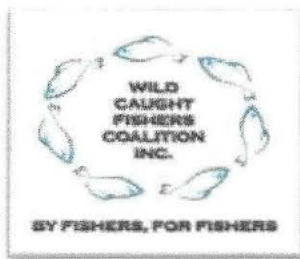
Why? More pressure will be put product

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

your views: I've had problems comprehending what  
I've received in the mail

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**

*I've been doing the prawn draw as nominated person for years and not had any major problems*

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

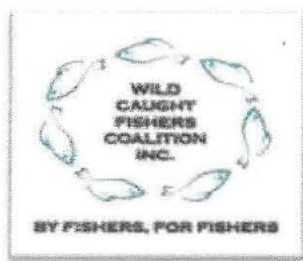
**Please explain:**

*Every person should be able to pursue their occupation of choice. If they were given a fair offer for their business they might retire with dignity*

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

**Why?**

*Quota's are effect by seasonality. Do you loose Quota if you have a bad season?*



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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?

☒ Yes / ☐ No.

If you're an Indigenous Fisher:

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

Please explain:

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

Please explain:

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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.

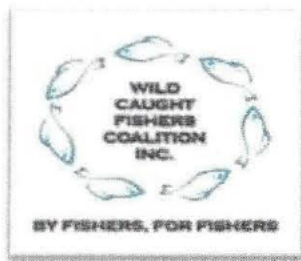
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## Personal Commercial Fishers views

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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:

I have no confidence in Fisheries management  
it seems their main agenda is to cull commercial  
fishermen financially. I have not encountered any  
occupation that has to pay 25%+ of their  
taxable income to retain their job. This is  
called Management Fees. With the reform happening  
more financial pressure is put on individuals.

Further Comments.

With the changes that are taking place it  
has affected my mental health, sleeping ability  
uncertainty of my occupations viability worries

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