

**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: 3 2 4

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 20 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>EGP4</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>150</u>
Fishery <u>EGHHC3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
Fishery <u>EGP3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>150</u>
Fishery <u>EGM3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>250</u>
Fishery <u>EGT3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
Fishery <u>EGET3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
Fishery <u>EGMC3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>200</u>
Fishery <u>EGC2H3</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
Fishery _____	Shares held: _____	Shares now required _____
Fishery _____	Shares held: _____	Shares now required _____

I have had to pre purchase shares because:

unable to purchase - When a
few were available they were
ten times their true Value

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: If I cannot Buy the

Shares to go to my previous Catches
I would Earn less than half of my
annual earnings - followed By Bankruptcy



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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:

Completed a questionnaire on Reform-and advised 95% was unworkable in the EG Situation any fisherman in Zone 3 & 4 I spoke directly with were all of the same opinion-I cannot fathom how the D.P.I. continued on this path. with a majority REJECTION.

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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:

There is no result.

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

Spoke to our Bank financial planner at own expense he said he was bewildered contacted his head office they said the same

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

Why? It is throwing Sustainability out the window and I cannot follow how the minister could do this without it being legislated - would it not be illegal in any other state government Department - it would be?

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

your views: *A Statement was made*

*we have to look after the investors!!!
Enough said.*

Do you have the changes in writing that give you clear directions on what is permissible in your region? Yes / ☒ No

AND I am quite sure our District Fisheries officers do not either.



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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

When these people with
multiple prawn endorsements activate
their unendorsed crew options
the rank and file fisherman with
the minimum share holdings will
be extremely disadvantaged to
the point may as well ~~enter~~ not enter draw

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

Yes / ☒ No

Please explain:

The culling as Stated was
completed years ago. The estuary
general fishery is proven to
be totally sustainable. Could D.P.I.
and the minister just give us Fishing
families what their agenda is
but be honest to us.

Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions

Yes / ☒ No

Why?

Again Sustainability out the
window - just another Gift from
DPI and the minister to those few
with the multiple endorsements who
were only representing us for their
Personal financial
GAIN

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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: But it is quite evident
when these are activated to

their limits by the multiple endorsement
holders their will be contact plenty
and this will also come from the
amateur body - seems this is the ministers will

If you are a Line West or Line East Fisher please state which fishery and if you know what is proposed for your fishery..... N/A. Yes / No.

Please clarify: _____



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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:

If this reform goes ahead.
and calling as DPI calls it. Local
Co-ops and Retailers will go to
the wall

Further Comments.

I Cannot and will not pay the
exorbitant prices for shares that
are being forced upon Fishing
families if I cannot obtain Shares Auction
which I feel strongly about buying
I will have to exit the industry in
July. I cannot spend the little monies
we have worked extremely hard for,
for retirement, on shares we don't
even know the Value of? P.T.O.

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