

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

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Send to:

The Director

Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW

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Parliament of NSW 2000

SYDNEY

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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

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:

HAVENT HEARD A THING!

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? DONT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT

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:

ALL FISHERIES IN NSW ARE BEING
FISHED AT SUSTAINABLE LEVELS.

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

Why?

QUOTA IS ONLY USED TO "CHARGE" COMMERCIAL
FISHERMAN EXHIBITANT PRICES TO FISH. JUST
LOOK AT THE COST TO FISH LOBSTERS!



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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: _____

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

Please clarify: DONT KNOW



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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:

WE HEAR ALL SORTS OF THINGS THAT D.P.I.
ARE GOING TO BRING IN. NOBODY CAN
GIVE THE ANSWERS WE NEED. SOME THINGS
FLYING AROUND THE ~~DISTRICT~~ DISTRICT.
① RING D.P.I. BEFORE WE GO TO WORK
② RING WHEN YOU'RE COMING BACK HOME
③ TRACKING DEVICES.

Further Comments.

WHAT A LOAD OF USELESS ROT. THESE RULES
WILL NOT INCREASE MY CATCHES, AND ALSO
I'M NOT A CRIMINAL. THESE ARE ONLY THE
TIP OF THE ICEBERG. I'M FISHING OUT OF A
5 METRE ~~TRAP~~ ALUMINIUM RAIBOAT.
FRANKLY I CAN'T BELIEVE COMMERCIAL
FISHERMAN, HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS ABSOLUTE
CRAP THAT COMES FROM D.P.I.

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