

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

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## **NSW Parliamentary Inquiry MEMBER PERSONAL SUBMISSION**

**Send to:**

**The Director**

**Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW**

**Upper House Committee**

**Parliament of NSW 2000**

**SYDNEY**

**NSW**

**From:**

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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: 15 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>Meshing</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u><del>300</del> 92 days</u>
Fishery <u>Hand Gather</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u><del>300</del> unknown ???</u>
Fishery <u>Estuary Prawn Trawl</u>	Shares held: <u>100</u>	Shares now required <u>150</u>
Fishery <u>Hand line Estuary</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>375</u>
Fishery <u>Ocean haul crew</u>	Shares held: <u>40</u>	Shares now required <u>unknown</u>
Fishery _____	Shares held: _____	Shares now required _____
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### I have had to pre purchase shares because:

I have pre purchased share for im fearing  
unavailability of shares later, I feel forced  
to do this as i have watched share  
barons buy as much as they can.

### Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation:

I believe this pressure of  
buying shares is very unfair and detrimental  
to my business.



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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 put me back 10 years*

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 have no answers  
to my bids as yet, seems  
a very inappropriate and miss leading  
way of judging how many shares are  
out there. I believe the share barons  
have put shares in the mock trial to  
make it look good, once the proper trial  
goes ahead they will not put them in.

Please sign every page.....



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## Commercial Fishers Personal Views

(Circle the answer you support)

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:

No results as yet!!!  
How am I meant to plan for the  
real trade or make decisions if it goes ahead

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 have a crew licence so  
I fear it will be invaluable

Were you adequately advised of these changes? ..... Yes / **No**  
your views:

complete load of misinformation  
still have no idea on my  
ocean haul crew endorsement or Hand Gathering

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**

not indoresced in that  
category.

But its not fair for those  
who dont have a few endorsements  
look at Tamboi one guy will  
rule the whole thing thats so wrong!!

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

**Please explain:**

We do not need effort  
removed, as its sustainable, I  
believe this Reform has being pushed  
by large shareholders for nothing  
but greed.

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

**Why?**

history shouldnt be moved, that  
could be mere effort shifted to  
areais where its at its maximum



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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.**

**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:

We fish in a sustainable industry managed fairly well, I have no problems with competition or latent effort. why would Australia want to have to import nilly all its seafood from badly managed fisheries around the world make no sense to cut us back

Further Comments.

I have fished 22yrs now I have finally got to a position where I've paid everything off, now have a horrible fear I have now go back into dept again. Its heart breaking I have money in bank now to buy a house but now I cant until this Reform is stopped seems very unfair.  
PLEASE PAUSE REFORM

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



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Why cant the 16 million  
be used the traditional way  
offer guys a buy out take  
any latent effort out, this  
would be the fairest and  
easiest way. like its always  
been done.

Also I was expected to bid  
on share for Hang Gathering and  
the system quota, day. Has not  
even been set and wasnt going  
to be. So now in the Hell  
was going to spend 30 to 50k  
on a hope of something  
worth while what a joke  
MICK BLAIR



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Estuary General		
Region 4	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing	125	250
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling	40	NO IDEA
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering	125	250!!! NO IDEA
Handline and Haul Crew	375	

Estuary General		
Region 5	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		

Estuary General		
Region 6	Shares Currently Owned	Shares Needing to Purchase
Meshing		
Category One Hauling		
Category Two Hauling		
Fish Trap		
Eel Trap		
Mud Crab Trap		
Prawning		
Hand Gathering		
Handline and Haul Crew		



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<b>Ocean Trap and Line</b>		
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Shares Currently Owned</b>	<b>Shares Needing to Purchase</b>
Demersal Fish Trap		
Line West		
Line East		
School and Gummy		
Spanner Crab North		
Spanner Crab South		

<b>Ocean Trawl</b>		
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Shares Currently Owned</b>	<b>Shares Needing to Purchase</b>
Northern Fish Trawl		
Southern Fish Trawl		
Deepwater Prawn Trawl		
Inshore Prawn Trawl		
Offshore Prawn Trawl		

<b>Estuary Prawn Trawl</b>		
	<b>Shares Currently Owned</b>	<b>Shares Needing to Purchase</b>
Clarence River		
Hunter River	200	150 is needed
Hawkesbury River		