

**Submission
No 115**

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

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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: 34 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 EG REG 3 MESHING Shares held: 125 Shares now required 250

Fishery EG " " PRAWNING Shares held: 125 Shares now required 150

Fishery EG " " MUD CRAB TRAP Shares held: 125 Shares now required 375

Fishery EG " " TRAPPING Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery OTL EASTERN LINE Shares held: 40 Shares now required 160

Fishery OTL WESTERN LINE Shares held: 40 Shares now required 50

Fishery OTL DEMERSAL FISH TRAP Shares held: 40 Shares now required 60

Fishery EG REG 3 HANDLINE HAUL Shares held: 125 Shares now required 375

Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

I have had to pre purchase shares because:

Please note the following personal views of the impacts to my business and my personal situation: MUD CRAB SHARES ARE UNAVAILABLE.

IF SHARES WERE AVAILABLE IT WOULD COST ME AROUND \$500,000 TO GET BACK TO LESS THAN WHAT I CURRENTLY AM ENTITLED TO.

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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 DID NOT PARTICIPATE BECAUSE
I BELIEVE DPI HAVE NO IDEA HOW THIS
IS GOING TO WORK. ITS OVER COMPLICATED
AND MAKES NO SENSE.



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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:

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? IF THIS REFORM IS SUPPOSED TO PUT
A CAP ON EFFORT, WHY ALLOW UNENDORSED
CREW? IT MAKES NO SENSE.

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:

WE NEED FISHERMEN TO MAINTAIN
OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEEP UP
A REASONABLE HARVEST FOR THE
PUBLIC.

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

Why?

I DONT SUPPORT QUOTA AT ALL,
TRAP NUMBERS HAVE BEEN A PROVEN
SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS.



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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 EAST & WEST.....(Yes) / No.

Please clarify: I NEED ANOTHER 10 SHARES FOR LINE WEST, TO ALLOW ENOUGH CATCH FOR A GOOD SEASON IN LINE EAST I WOULD NEED 120 MORE SHARES IN ADDITION TO MY CURRENT 40.

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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 CANT KEEP REDUCING THE
NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN
WHILE THE RECREATIONAL SECTOR KEEPS
GROWING AND CALL THIS RESOURCE
SHARING. SEAFOOD CONSUMERS RIGHTS
ARE BEING IGNORED.

Further Comments.

IN ADDITION TO INVESTIGATING THE
FAILURE OF THIS REFORM TO BE OF ANY
BENEFIT TO WORKING FISHERMEN, I
WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INQUIRY
ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF INDIVIDUALS
IN REPRESENTATIVE ROLES BEING INVOLVED
WITH THE REFORM'S FORMULATION WHILE
REFUSING TO COMMUNICATE WITH IND-
USTRY AND QUIETLY ACQUIRING LARGE
SHAREHOLDINGS, WHILE MOST OF US WERE
IN THE DARK.

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



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THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
POSITIVE IN THIS REFORM, EVEN THE
FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
ARE BEWILDERED, WE HAVE SPENT
SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT CORRESPONDING
AND MEETING WITH MINISTERS
AND MP'S IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE
THEM SEE THE INJUSTICE AND
INSANITY OF THIS REFORM, ALL TO
NO AVAIL. SOME FISHERMEN HAVE
GIVEN UP FIGHTING, SOME HAVE
LEFT THE INDUSTRY DISGUSTED
AND DEJECTED.

I REFUSE TO BUY MORE SHARES
SINCE DPT HAVE PROVEN BEYOND
DOUBT THAT MY SHARES HAVE NO
SECURITY, I KNOW NO ONE WHO
IS CONFIDENT ABOUT THE FUTURE
OF THIS INDUSTRY, THE ONLY QUESTION
SEEMS TO BE HOW LONG WE'VE GOT
LEFT.

UNLESS THIS REFORM IS SCRAPPED I
CANNOT SEE ANY FUTURE, ONLY PARASITIC
INVESTORS COULD SEE ANY VALUE IN THIS REFORM.