

**Submission
No 0118**

INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW

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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 6

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 36 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:

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| Fishery | <u>OCEAN LINE WEST</u> | Shares held: | <u>40</u> | Shares now required | <u>60</u> |
| Fishery | <u>OCEAN TRAP</u> | Shares held: | <u>40</u> | Shares now required | <u>50</u> |
| Fishery | <u>ESTUARY PRAWNING</u> | Shares held: | <u>125</u> | Shares now required | <u>150</u> |
| Fishery | <u>OCEAN HAULING C. PRFISH</u> | Shares held: | <u>40</u> | Shares now required | <u>300</u> |
| Fishery | <u>ESTUARY MESHING</u> | Shares held: | <u>125</u> | Shares now required | <u>250</u> |
| Fishery | <u>ESTUARY HANDLINE + HAULING CREW</u> | Shares held: | <u>250</u> | Shares now required | <u>375</u> |
| Fishery | <u>ESTUARY TRAPPING</u> | Shares held: | <u>175</u> | Shares now required | <u>425</u> |
| 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: IF I WANT TO FISH THE WAY

I DO AT PRESENT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE
I WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE
SHARES I NEED.

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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:

I REGISTERED FOR THE PREVIEW AND
DID NOT RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF
COMMENCEMENT. I RANG D.P.I
AND THEY TOLD ME I WAS NOT THE
ONLY ONE. THEY SAID THERE MUST
BE TROUBLE WITH BIG POND.
IF THIS HAPPENS IN THE REAL TRADING
IT WILL BE A DISASTER

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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?

Were you adequately advised of these changes? Yes / No

your views: ONLY BY CHANCE I WAS

BROWSING FISHERIES WEBSITE AND

READ ABOUT THE CHANGES

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

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

Please explain:

I THINK INACTIVE FISHERS
~~SHOULD~~ SHOULD BE BOUGHT
OUT,

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

Why?

MOVEMENT OF QUOTA BETWEEN REGIONS IS NOT
RIGHT, HOWEVER MOST ACTIVE FISHERS WILL
HAVE TO BUY QUOTA FROM OTHER REGIONS TO
CONTINUE TO EXIST.



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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: I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE



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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:

THE PEOPLE OF NSW WILL BE
DEPRIVED OF FRESH LOCAL SEAFOOD
AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

N.S.W D.P.I HAS STATED FISH
STOCKS ARE NOT THREATENED

Further Comments.

THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM
IS VERY UNFAIR IT PUNISHES
ACTIVE FISHERS AND REWARDS

INACTIVE FISHERS. FOR EXAMPLE
SOME FISHERS WILL BE GIVEN
BLUE SWIMMER CRAB QUOTA AND
THEY HAVE NEVER CAUGHT
BLUE SWIMMER CRABS.

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