

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Send to:

The Director

Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW

Upper House Committee

Parliament of NSW 2000

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From:

Name: MATTHEW CREEK

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Commercial Fisher Personnel Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 7

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 30 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 OTL LW Shares held: 40 Shares now required 60

Fishery OTL LE Shares held: 40 Shares now required 6000 QUESTIONS?

Fishery _____ Shares held: _____ Shares now required _____

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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

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



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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:

NO ONE WAS ON HAND FROM
DPI PRE-DURING-OR AFTER TO ANSWER
RELEVANT QUESTIONS.

LINE EAST IS STILL A TOTAL
UNKNOWN ???



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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:

DPI MANAGERS, STAFF & HOTLINE
CANNOT GIVE AN ANSWER AS TO LINE EAST
SHARES.

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?

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

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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:

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

Why?

Please sign every page.....



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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..... Yes / No

Please clarify: LINE WEST - YES

LINE EAST - EVEN THOUGH WE BEEN INVOLVED
IN PROCESS IM STILL OBLIVIOUS OF LINE EAST SHARES
ALLOCATION ??

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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:

Further Comments.

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