

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

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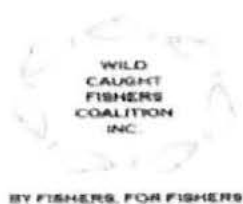
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Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 4

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 33 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:

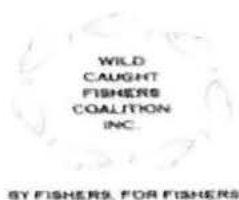
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Fishery <u>EEL Trapping</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>?</u>
Fishery <u>Handline & Hading crew</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>?</u>
Fishery <u>Category 2 Hading</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>?</u>
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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: I am 66 years old I have

Slowed down in Past 3 years due
to a Nasty Property Settlement with my wife

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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**

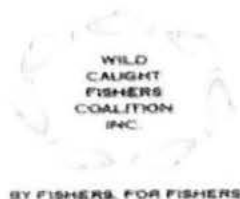
Mock/Preview Share trading:

Did you participate in this? Yes / **No**

Did this resolve your questions? Yes / **No**

Please explain:

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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

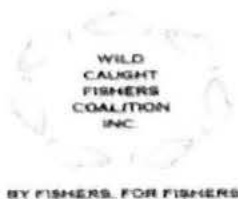
Do you support the changes for unendorsed crew brought out in July? Yes / No

Why? I think only fully licenced
fishers should work in licenced
boats in Estuary General with
the exception of Prawn Seining

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:

Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions

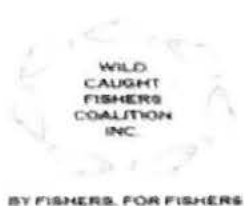
Yes /

No

Why?

I think NSW Fisheries drew lines to create regions & should only be 1 State Licence as it used to be.

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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:

Not yet But could get worse
if the Department Reduces
the Number of licenced
Fishers.

Further Comments.

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