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INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Director

Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW

Upper House Committee

Parliament of NSW 2000

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From: Chris Brierley

Name: Christopher Brierley

Address: _____

Date: 5/12/2016

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: 23 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>Estuary Prawns</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>150</u> Shares
Fishery	<u>Hand Lineing</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>25</u>
Fishery	<u>Ocean Haul Crew</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>375</u> Shares
Fishery	<u>Estuary Haul</u> ^{CAT 1}	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>Now</u> <u>160</u> Shares
Fishery	<u>Estuary Meshing</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>Now</u> <u>60</u> Days Per Year
Fishery	<u>CAT 1 Hauling</u>	Shares held:		Shares now required	<u>Now</u> <u>78</u> Days Per Year Only.
Fishery	<u>Estuary Blueswimmer Crab</u>	Shares held:		Shares now required	<u>31.9</u> Kg Per Year
Fishery	<u>Estuary Mud Crab</u>	Shares held:		Shares now required	<u>13.5</u> Kg Per Year
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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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(Circle the answer you support)

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:

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:

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:

Do you have the changes in writing that give you clear directions on what is
permissible in your region? Yes / ☒ No

Personal Commercial Fishers views:

(Circle the answer you support)

Do you have issues in your region with the Prawn Draw? ☒ Yes / No

Please explain

Region 7 should have
First Draw.

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?

we dont support any quota
of spearse's

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.

I'm an original fisher ^{owner} ~~owner~~

If you're an ~~Indigenous~~ Fisher:

Have you been informed of your future participation in the reform adequately?

Please explain:

NO

Are you being ostracised by other fishers since the trapping and hauling net and prawn draw changes have occurred Yes / NO

Please explain: from the recreational
fishing group

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:

N/A

Personal Commercial Fishers views

(Circle the answer you support)

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:

Health Issues
Product for Elderly Working
who Do not Have Time to Fish

Further Comments.

Major Threat to our
Native Species.

None of the restructure and
reform has ever address to
Issues of region 7

Regarding access into recreational
fishing havens

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

Marine park are a joke for
South Coast regions

See attached letter
from Geoff Allan
DPI.

Fwd: Business Adjustment Program - Update

Mon 5/12/2016 10:47 AM

Inbox

To:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: DPI Fisheries

Date: Friday, December 2, 2016

Subject: Business Adjustment Program - Update

To:

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware an Upper House General Purpose Standing Committee inquiry is currently being conducted into the NSW commercial fishing industry. This inquiry will further ensure the social and economic value of the industry is recognised, but will not halt the reform.

Commercial fishers are encouraged to continue adjusting their businesses in preparation for the new share linkage arrangements.

As a result of the inquiry, the following dates will be adjusted:

- low interest rate loan and fishing business buy-out applications will be kept open until early 2017
- share transfer applications will also be extended to early 2017
- registrations for the subsidised share trading market will now open in early 2017
- consultation on the new share linkage regulations will not open until the inquiry is complete.

Revised dates will be published on the DPI website once confirmed.

For more information call the Business Adjustment Program information hotline on 1300 726 488 or visit

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/asp

Regards,

Dr Geoff Allan

Deputy Director General