

**Submission  
No 135**

## **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

SYDNEY

NSW

From:

Name:

*JCBrisley*

Address:

Date: *5/12/16*

## 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: 50 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 Prawning</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>150 Shares</u>
Fishery	<u>Estuary Meshing</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>Now 78 Days</u>
Fishery	<u>Handling</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>375 shares Per Year.</u>
Fishery	<u>Estuary Blue Swimmers Crab</u>	Shares held:	<u>\</u>	Shares now required	<u>31.9 Kg Per Year.</u>
Fishery	<u>Estuary Mud Crab</u>	Shares held:	<u>\</u>	Shares now required	<u>13.5 Kg Per Year.</u>
Fishery	<u>Ocean Haul</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>160 Shares</u>
Fishery	<u>Estuary Haul CAT1</u>	Shares held:	<u>125</u>	Shares now required	<u>60 Days Per Year.</u>
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I have had to pre purchase shares because:

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

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### Commercial Fisher Personnel Comments to the Inquiry

#### 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

## Commercial Fisher Personnel Comments to the Inquiry

(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:

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## 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:

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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

**Personal Commercial Fishers views:**

(Circle the answer you support)

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

Please explain

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

Please explain:

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

Why?

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### 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 am an Original Fisher 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 Groups.

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:

Not Enough Local Product  
For Elderly, Working People Who Do Not  
Have Time to Fish.

Health Issues  
All Fish that is imported into  
Australia Now Equates to 87%

Health Issues Which there are Health Safety

Further Comments. Concerns

example "Kill of Sardines Pillards"  
Disenses can come into Our Country  
Major Threat to Our Native Species.

Our Industry Should Not Be for Sale  
to Overseas Investors

Our Pure Product Clean Fresh from Our  
Pristine Waters

Their Product has Come from Water which <sup>is</sup> Questionable?  
Their Water Does Not Meet our Australian Water Standards.

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

The Future Will be Sold off We Will have No Australian  
Owed Fishing Business Left.

Please sign every page.....

If This Reform goes through  
I feel that  
Overseas investment will buy  
the majority of shares in this  
Industry which would then  
be majority owned and ruled from  
overseas and not many Australian  
business will exist any more  
in NSW.

P.S "This has Already Started"

If the Original People Own this  
Country's Resource How can this be  
allowed to be sold off without  
our permission?

Also

Recreational Fishing Havens and  
Marine Parks in our Region  
Are Not being Addressed

We have been severely affected  
by Access Issues. These need to be  
looked at. Also ~~the~~ the Corruption that was implemented

When Recreational Fishing Havens and Marine Parks  
were brought in needs to be addressed.

Please sign every page.....

How Do this Apply  
to Original Owners?