

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

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**NSW Parliamentary Inquiry  
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**Send to:**

**The Director**

**Inquiry into commercial Fishing NSW**

**Upper House Committee**

**Parliament of NSW 2000**

**SYDNEY**

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**From:**

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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: 45 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 Ocean HAULING Shares held: 40 Shares now required 10

Fishery Ocean HAULING NET Shares held: 10 Shares now required 30

Fishery Ocean HAULING GARFISH Shares held: 10 Shares now required 30

Fishery ESTUARY GENERAL HANDING Shares held: 250 Shares now required 125

Fishery ESTUARY GENERAL MESHING Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery ESTUARY GENERAL ONE Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery ESTUARY GENERAL TWO Shares held: 125 Shares now required 125

Fishery \_\_\_\_\_ Shares held: \_\_\_\_\_ Shares now required \_\_\_\_\_

Fishery \_\_\_\_\_ Shares held: \_\_\_\_\_ Shares now required \_\_\_\_\_

Fishery \_\_\_\_\_ Shares held: \_\_\_\_\_ Shares now required \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Leather down the track they  
tell us we have to buy more shares I have  
now head of a business you have to keep Buying



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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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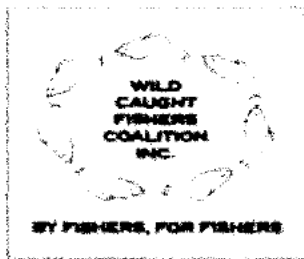
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## Commercial Fishers Personal Views

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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:

*Seems to be a Secrete*

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



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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

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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:

*There will be no fisherman left soon*

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

Why?

*There is not enough for this Region*

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## Personal Commercial Fishers views

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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:

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

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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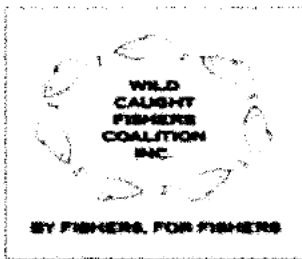
If you are a Line West or Line East Fisher please state which fishery and if you know what is proposed for your fishery..... Yes / **No**

Please clarify: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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Further Comments.

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

