

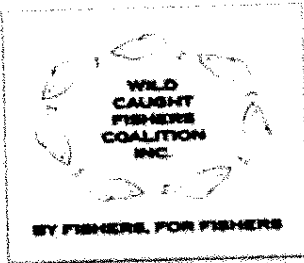
## **INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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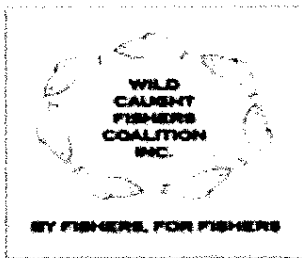
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## Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

### Introduction:

I am a commercial fisher working in Region: 4

I have been in the Fishing Industry for: 7 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>Meshing</u>	Shares held: <u>375</u>	Shares now required <u>0</u>
Fishery <u>handline</u>	Shares held: <u>500</u>	Shares now required <u>0</u>
Fishery <u>Estuary Trapping</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>0</u>
Fishery <u>Mudcrab trapping</u>	Shares held: <u>125</u>	Shares now required <u>125</u>
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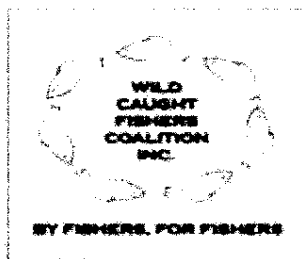
I have had to pre purchase shares because:

Shares in Meshing handline I had to  
purchase 250 Meshing shares and 375 handline  
because of the Urediculis ganta I was given  
now I need to purchase more Mudcrab same season

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

I have 4 children young and  
a 300 thousand dollar Mortgage I also have a  
40 thousand dollar business loan which I needed to  
purchase more shares I'm borrowed up to my eye balls

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## Commercial Fisher Personal Comments to the Inquiry

### Subsidised Trading:

(circle the answer you support)

In Your opinion is it fair? *What more and more debt* 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? *Lots and need more* ..... ☒ Yes / No

How will the debt you have incurred affect your viability?

It will be better? *risking bankruptcy to much debt* 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

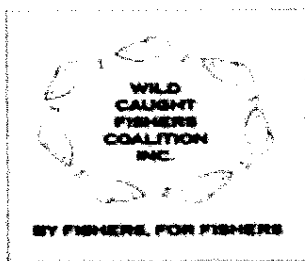
Are you able to participate in the share trading? ..... ☒ Yes / No

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 '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? More imported rubbish 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? Same business not same 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

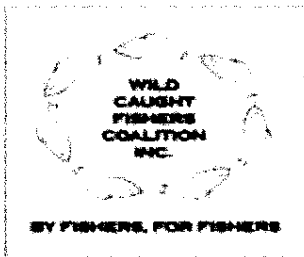
Mock/Preview Share trading:

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

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

Please explain:

Im a sole bread winner big family Im already in to much debt because of this reform I cant see getting into more debt for an industry that is so unstable there is no serinty for this industry you say reform reinvest, but look at (Victoria) Victoria, Queensland there shutting their inshore fisheries down another change in Government I think it will happen here because of recreational fishermen.  
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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:

I've received no info on shares available  
I no their want be enough for everybody  
this is designed that way

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? that's why there are crew shares  
and indorsements

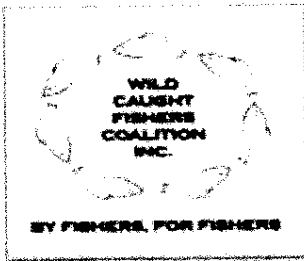
Were you adequately advised of these changes? ..... Yes / ☒ No

your views: I herd threw the  
grape vine not DPI

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:**

(Circle the answer you support)

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

Please explain

Im not a prawnier I catch  
fish and crabs

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

Please explain:

because the people of NSW and Australia  
deserve the right to buy Fresh Australian, NSW  
local Seafood and not imported Venemi prawns  
and Vietnamesse rubbish Seafood from god noes  
the Water quality or toxicity of Seafood, and  
why should we lose any more fishing grounds  
to give the recreational sector all of the public  
resourse.

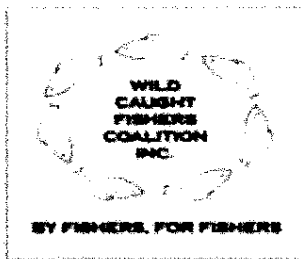
Do you support the movement of Quota into other regions ..... Yes / No

Why?

becaus some one can drag a big quota from  
one area and drag it down to another and  
over fish that area, I dont agree with quota  
full stop.

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Is there now a visible Increase of trap setting in your region that concerns you?

by unlicensed fishermen, poachers ☒ Yes / No.  
black market fishermen

If you're an Indigenous Fisher:

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

Please explain:

no the NSW Government have told us  
that the already very low quotas could be  
reduced even further in years to come  
so there is no certainty to go to a bank  
and borrow more money when you don't  
no with certainty the quota you could have  
in years to come.

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

Please explain: not in my eastury but I  
no this is occurring in other  
nearby easturys eg. Port Stephens and  
the (my all lakes prawn draw

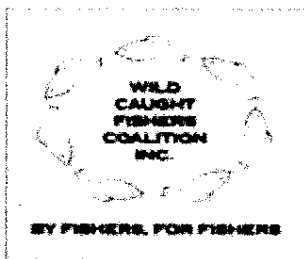
If you are a Line West or Line East Fisher please state which fishery and if you know  
what is proposed for your fishery..... Yes / No.

Please clarify:

NA

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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

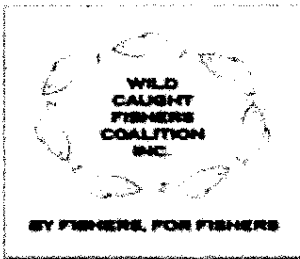
Your views:

it just seems crazy to me that Australia is the most underfished over regulated fishery in the world, we have a wealth of sustainable seafood, locked up at our ~~doorstep~~ doorstep mean while Australians crave Aussie Seafood but can't get it or can't afford it because of a lack of product which means it unaffordable.

Further Comments.

We are sick do death of politicians using us as leverage to win votes to get into office if its not both party doing business deals with greens to business deals to lock everything up and marine park everything. It politicians doing business deals with the growing recreational sector of fishing for their votes and taking more grounds of us to give them even more grounds stripping and stripping our livelihoods

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



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bit by bit by bit at a time and now you want to reform us again, reinvest you say reinvest in what we're already doing reinvest in nothing I say, you're asking me to get into more debt risk my house to do what I'm already doing for no further gain. and then another government comes in looking for more business deals and votes and ~~steals~~<sup>rips</sup> us again and takes more area of us so they can cash in on the 5 million recreational fishermen's votes and we lose again. meanwhile the Australian public 78% who don't fish are getting stripped of an affordable local product, and are forced to buy cheap imports from waters overseas they know nothing about or how clean it is. how could a government take 100% public resource and give it to such a minority recreational fishery while the public fishermen are left with little grounds. no wonder I've had mental health issues depression because there's not much to smile about if you're a commercial fisherman.