

Submission:

Super trawlers should be permanently banned from Australian waters. The extensive destruction that they cause to marine biodiversity is well documented. For short-term profits, they cause irreversible long-term destruction. This is completely unacceptable and not what the population of Australia wants to see happen to the marine life in our waters. Fish populations MUST be managed sustainably, so that a healthy marine life around Australia can be maintained for generations to come. The focus MUST be on long-term sustainability, and not short-term profits!

Secondly, Australian fisheries management legislation must be updated to ensure transparency and access to information for all levels and processes of fisheries and marine resource management. Also, it must be legislated that true ecosystems-based and precautionary approaches to fisheries management are implemented. Legislation MUST focus on long-term sustainability, starting with a PERMANENT ban on super trawlers!

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