

Dear Fisheries Review,

I COULD NOT GET THE COVER SHEET TO WORK, DESPITE DOWNLOADING IT AND OPENING IT AS A SEPARATE OPERATION. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SUBMISSION AS IT IS.

I wish to request that the outcomes to your Review achieve a consistency of message.

When families go for a rare fishing activity on a jetty, we are obliged to return undersized fish, for the sake of the species.

There is no discrimination on whether the person who caught the fish was aged 4 or 40, whether it was a 'first fish' or whether it took 1 hour or 4 hours to catch.

It therefore seems that if the little people of our nation are to respect the fishing laws in the most practical sense, on jetties all over our nation, then it behoves political leadership to maintain a consistent situation for the biggest and most powerful fishing industry to be by law, required to adhere to the fishing laws – which need to be sending a consistent message – conserve, preserve, put individual immediate needs aside so that we all may have fish into the future.

Currently I do not believe Super Trawlers being allowed into our waters, are consistent with the rules my family observes on our local jetties.

I believe the temporary ban on Super Trawlers needs to become a permanent ban, for the sake of the credibility of our local fishing laws.

I believe Australia can be different to other nations – be a leader in its attitude to Marine animal welfare, Marine preservation for future generations and biodiversity, Marine ownership and stewardship.

Yours,

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