

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding the current review of fishery management policy, I support the coordination of planning processes under the lead document, the Fisheries Management Act 1991. With regard to the application of the precautionary principle in decision making, I submit that where the precautionary principle is limited by gaps in scientific knowledge and other considerations, that a guiding principle of common sense on sustainable fishing practices prevails. In particular, super trawlers should be permanently banned from Australian waters and any other fishing practices with significant by-catch should be also banned.

Yours sincerely,
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