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The Hon. Robert Brown, MLC
Chair
General Purpose Standing Committee no. 5
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Via email

Dear Mr Brown,

Re: Inquiry into commercial fishing in New South Wales

Thank you for your letter of 3 January (D16/41703). I appreciate the work the committee has done on this matter and the preliminary position it has reached.

The group you have correctly identified as being disproportionately impacted by the business adjustment program represent the majority of commercial fishers in my area. I remain concerned that they are in no position whatsoever to obtain finance to meet the costs of the new minimum share requirements.

Those who wish to continue to fish should be allocated the additional shares they need on the proviso those shares cannot be traded and revert to the state when the fisher exits the industry.

I look forward to reading your full report and I wish you well with your work on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Mehan'.

David Mehan
Member for The Entrance