



FISHING FEDERAL POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Fishing is one of Australia's most popular recreational activities. It brings enormous economic, cultural and social benefits. Fishers have increasingly become victims of green government and bureaucracy gone mad, while true facts and statistics are repeatedly ignored. Money generated from licensing fees continues to be poorly spent. We believe sustainable and viable recreational and commercial fishing can exist and expand.

We value recreational and commercial fishers for their contribution to our society, culture and economy. We support the right of Australians to catch and purchase high quality Australian seafood above all others.



OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Expand recreational fishing opportunities within Commonwealth waters.
2. Oppose the sale of Australian fish stocks to international fishing operations, including multinational super trawlers.
3. Prioritise the sale of Australian seafood to Australian's by strengthening Commonwealth labelling laws.
4. Support tougher sentencing of illegal poaching of Australian fish stocks.
5. Oppose unwarranted efforts on banning recreational fishing within Commonwealth marine reserves.
6. Oppose the creation or expansion of any marine park networks.
7. Increase Commonwealth funding and cooperation with State and Territory Government's to facilitate fish farming programs.
8. Increase Commonwealth funding for Recreational Fishing and camping facilities and access.
9. Support and promote national education on recreational and commercial fishing activities.
10. Support sustainable wild caught commercial fishing operations.
11. Cease Federal interference with State and Territory water management and fish conservation programs.
12. Restore industry confidence by returning government owned quota to the market.
13. Strengthen the auditing of all monies spent from recreational and commercial licensing fees.