

Submission:

Please, do not permit any forward progress toward supertrawler fishing in Australian waters or indeed any type of unsustainable, aggressive fishing methods. Not only do such massive catches and techniques for trawling the oceans' bounty catch animals not required for sustainable fishing, they are actually DESTROYING the biodiversity and ecology of the seas.

Human beings have the intelligence to modify our behaviours, diets and manner of eating to ensure there is a beautiful planet for generations to come. If these types of fishing continue, I fear my own son and any children he may have in the future will never know what it is to swim among dolphins unexpectedly; to know that rock pools are filled with clean water; to see the giant fishes and mammals of the oceans around the world .

I am also concerned as an Australian taxpayer and voter that there is not enough discussion within the community and open debate in the media about these fishing methods. Who are parliamentarians and big business to decide what is right for us as voters and citizens of this country? I personally expect that I have a right to know all the information and data for all levels and processes of marine resource management and the way in which fisheries operate. They may be private businesses however if their business denigrates the environment which is part of my country, then I expect to know about it.

I thank you for reading this submission and trust that you will accept my perspective for what it is: a very concerned person who loves the ocean, grew up by the seaside, used to eat fish regularly and does not do so now because already too many fine species of fish are on the endangered species listing and as a mother who wants a beautiful planet for her child.

Kind regards