

Dear Review Panel,

Given future population estimates and global warming estimates it is little wonder that sustainable farming and sustainable practices are issues now talked about and supposedly given priority by our governments.

The recent super trawler debacle should never have occurred given the super trawlers indiscriminate fishing practices, huge waste (up to 80% + being returned to the sea dead) and its apparent unfortunate history of decimating fish stocks where ever it casts its nets. No one could successfully argue that the practices of the (or any) super trawler are sustainable.

I have had some experience on fishing trawlers and I believe that any suggestion that guidelines can provide adequate safeguards could only be proffered by either an absolute idiot or someone with a vested interest in the catch. Policing any guidelines would be impossible and I doubt self policing could be relied upon!

Any gain would, at the highest, be for the short term and only for a very few at the expense to Australia's longer term interests including adverse impact on the food chain which could well be permanent (at least in the span of our life times) - not to mention the unnecessary kill of marine and other fish life.

I urge you to ban these types of trawlers indefinitely and place greater weight on sustainable fishing practices.