

TO : MINISTER FRYDENBERG

CONCERN FOR ANGLING FISH BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON RIVERS/WATER AND SEA SANCTUARIES

Dear Minister Frydenberg, We live in rural Victoria. Many members of our family and extended families are keen anglers, both in our rivers and in the sea.

MARINE SANCTUARIES GOOD FOR ANGLING SEA FISH

We understand you are to reduce the marine sanctuaries in Australia. We think these sanctuaries have actually benefitted the fish populations, increasing numbers within or also outside of the sanctuaries....and think the current protections should remain.

We are particularly concerned about the reductions in areas you're proposing and the reintroduction of some professional fishing. We urge you to keep the current protections, and if anything increase them.

LACK OF WATER IN INLAND RIVERS DUE TO OVER EXTRACTION

We are also alarmed by the disastrous effects of the over extraction of water from rivers on angling fish in rivers such as the Darling. I would remind you that the dollar value of recreational fishing in inland rivers such as the Murray, Darling rivers etc is enormous. Your government needs to get more water down the Darling etc and not let them dry up due to colossal extractions by some irrigators - it is not in the national economic or recreational interest.

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