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The Boyne Tannum Hookup Association
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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Tourism and The Boyne Tannum Hookup Association

The Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSLA) has no objections in developing tourism as this sector relies on access to fresh local seafood. Our objection to the event as noted in our recent submission to Fisheries Queensland notes a deep concern regarding what it means for local commercial fishers dealing with a group like The Boyne Tannum Hookup Association.

I have accessed your website and cannot find data that outlines the following information:

- In previous years, how many fish are landed over the life of the competition?
- In previous years, how many fish are discarded as a result of the competition?
- Your competition splits its catch along 'non-live' and 'live' categories as follows¹:
 - Non-live: Salmon, Red Emperor, Snapper, Jew, Red Throat Sweetlip, Spanish Mackerel, Parrot/Tusk, Cobia, Coral Trout and Large Mouth Nannygai.
 - Live: Flat Head, Snapper, Fingermark, Jew, Mangrove Jack, Bream, Grunter and Barramundi.
- Why have 'non-live' versus 'live' categories in the competition?
- Do you track catch on competitor by competitor basis? If yes, how? If not, why not?
- Under catch and release – what percentage of fish that are caught and subsequently release:
 - What are their mortality rates?
 - Do some species survive better than others?

¹ Species list, p.8: [The Boyne Tannum HookUp Rules and Conditions](#)

This is an extensive list of questions but extremely pertinent given the competition is held in a marine environment that belongs to the Queensland community and not your Association.

It is also important for your sponsors and local supporters of your Association as the questions listed above will help the community achieve a better understanding of the impacts on the marine environment of your event and potentially tourism impacts.

In a situation where my industry is asked to accommodate the event and not work in areas where the competition takes place is no longer acceptable because my industry harvests seafood in the context of food production. My industry primarily consists of small businesses and supports (directly and indirectly) thousands of local jobs on an ongoing basis which heavily relies on access to the marine resource.

Your event is about the leisure activity of recreational fishing, an activity that is supported by my industry and the community. My concern and my industry's distrust is solely focussed on recreational fishing groups and Associations like yours that seek the removal of my members from waterways you feel belong to you. We catch seafood for the public and our members support local businesses and the tourism sector on a daily basis, you do not.

I maintain we access a shared resource which seems to be a foreign concept to organisations like yours. You do not represent the average mum and dad angler who rely on my industry to provide fresh local seafood.

I look forward to your response.

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