



Position Statement #3

Removal of fake green groups from State Government fisheries working groups

1. Introduction

Fisheries management in Queensland is impacted by the advocacy of fake green conservation groups. These groups tend to have a 'seat at the table' to the detriment of the commercial seafood industry in Queensland.

The Association is seeking the removal of WWF Australia and the Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) from State Government fisheries working groups.

2. Rationale

The State Government continues to allow fake green groups a table on fisheries working / advisory groups. Instead of inviting representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, their role is taken on by special interest groups. To date there is no rationale for this being the case.

This situation has been allowed to develop for the following reasons:

- A far left/green State Government that would never exclude these groups;
- The public are largely unaware that their resource and the policy debates that ensure its longevity are influenced by special interests that are unelected and do not represent the majority of Queenslanders.

WWF Australia and AMCS are not elected groups, do not generate critical regional employment opportunities or generate regional / coastal economic activity¹.

3. Conclusion

3.1. Course of Action

Seek a commitment from opposition parties in the Queensland Parliament and a potential new State Government to remove these anti-commercial fishing organisations from holding positions on State Government commercial fishing advisory groups.

3.2. Solution

The removal of fake-green conservation groups from influencing the development of food production policy within State Government fishery advisory groups.

¹ Negative views held by WWF Australia and the AMCS can be sourced here: [eNGO views of the Commercial Seafood Industry](#)

4. Authorisation

The Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA) is the peak industry body representing the Queensland seafood industry. Our members include professional fishers, seafood processors, marketers, retailers and other business associated with the seafood industry. Our representation to members and the community at large is to promote the consumption of wild caught Queensland seafood.

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