



Position Statement #6 Resource Access

1. Introduction

Queensland fisheries are unique insofar as commercial fishers are forced to compete with recreational anglers for access to a public resource.

The Association is seeking new thinking and policy approaches to resource access.

2. Rationale

The Association supports the views of the national peak body, Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) regarding resource access security. SIA has formed a Resource Security Task Force with a key aim¹, 'to develop a commercial fishing access rights system that delivers strong, secure, transferable, long term access rights to be enshrined in and protected by Commonwealth and State/Territory fisheries legislation, and recognised and accepted as 'collateral' by financial institutions'.

Without improved surety of access, the Queensland seafood industry will struggle to attract investment and limit the willingness of existing industry operators to invest in their own businesses.

This statement is linked to Position Statement #4 and requires the abandonment of policies that allow recreational fishers to undermine the access of Queensland commercial fishers.

3. Conclusion

3.1. Course of Action

Government and commercial fishers work to design a system that maintains commercial fishing access rights.

3.2. Solution

Development of a new access policy approach from government regarding access that prioritises food production over leisure activities.

4. Authorisation

The Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA) is the peak industry body representing the Queensland seafood industry. Our members include professional fishers, seafood

¹ SIA Resource Security Taskforce.

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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