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To whom it may concern,

I am a keen fisherman that enjoys fishing in local sheltered waters of Tasmania's south east. My partner and I enjoy each others company on the water whilst catching a feed of fresh fish. The bag limit changes proposed are absurd, particularly for sand flathead. Admittedly the current bag limit of 20 per person is more than enough and we don't take that many anyway.

We also run a marine repair business & have done for 20 years, and I have also been in the industry for around 28 years. We have had several customers already talking about selling their boats and giving up fishing all together if the proposals are put in place. The effects of these proposals are going to effect many small businesses in the state, from outboard & boat sales, marine repairs, tackle stores, trailer sales & repairs, marine electronics, charter businesses etc., all of which equate to multi million dollar industries.

Think long and hard about solutions, and the poor commercial fishing practices and ethics in the state first. Maybe a buy back scheme for Danish seine endorsement holders for a start?, then abolish the practice altogether...

Regards,

Craig Webster.