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**SUBMISSION TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE  
REGARDING IMPACTS OF SEISMIC TESTING ON  
FISHERIES AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT**

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Dear committee secretary,

I am writing to you regarding the recent motion to establish an inquiry into seismic testing and its impact on fisheries and the marine environment. As people who rely on a healthy and functioning marine environment, we strongly support efforts to better understand the effects of seismic testing.

We understand the importance of the oil and gas sector, but this should not come at the detriment to our precious marine ecosystem, or the fishers such as ourselves who strive to maintain a sustainable life derived from the ocean.

As part of our business we operate multiple licences in the West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean fishery in Western Australia. This fishery also happens to cover the same areas a lot of oil and gas activity (seismic testing) is conducted in and we are directly affected. We keenly note the recently published study conducted in Australia which observed lobster to be impaired by seismic testing. We believe the current science to be incomplete at best, lacking, and strongly believe it is in the best interest of the broader community to have this investigated further.

On behalf of Oceanic Trading,

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