

Inquiry: The environmental, social and economic impacts of large-capacity fishing vessels commonly known as 'Supertrawlers' operating in Australia's marine jurisdiction.

I have serious concerns about allowing supertrawlers to operate in Australian waters for the following reasons:

1. The risk of localized overfishing which will affect ecosystem function.
2. Impaired ecosystem function could affect other users such as small scale commercial fishers and recreational fishers.
3. Some of the target species for the supertrawler are the prey of threatened species such as the little penguin which will impact upon their populations.

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