



# Fishing for the Future

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## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

### Submission on Terms of Reference

Sunfish Queensland represents the interests of Queensland Recreational fishers. We have members across all types of recreational fishing and across the length and breadth of Queensland. Because of the diversity of our members, comments we provide are well considered and believed to be to the benefit of most Queensland recreational fishers.

We support the investigation into the development of Northern Australia for the community as long as it is not to the detriment of the existing communities.

It must be remembered that this portion of our continent and the northern part of Queensland in particular have unique social and cultural values based solely on their remoteness and the adventure required to access these locations. Many in these communities also choose to live there for these qualities. They have no desire to be a part of "the suburbs".

We request that the Committee considers the high value of recreational fishing tourism in their deliberations. The Northern Territory has an extremely valuable recreational fishing tourism industry and the Queensland Gulf and Cape York peninsula would certainly be able to exceed those with very little investment dollars. The activity would also have minimal impact on the existing social and aesthetic amenity.

These comments are current as at 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 but may change as further evidence or conditions change.

Kind Regards

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