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(via email)

### **Submission to the National Animal Welfare Bill 2005**

Dear Senators:

I thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Animal Welfare Bill. I am writing on my own behalf and as a member of the Canberra Fisherman's Club Incorporated and the Australian National Sportfishing Association. I do not purport to speak on behalf of these organisations, but feel that their combined memberships would be opposed to this Bill on the same grounds that I am.

I have grave concern over Section 3 (b) (ii) of the draft bill, which will "prohibit the capture and killing of wild animals for the purpose of entertainment or sport". This is totally unacceptable and is not in the interests of recreational fishing and would be strongly opposed by myself and the angling community at large. This would in effect destroy recreational fishing, a pastime undertaken by supposedly more than 3 million throughout Australia, arguably the most popular participation sport in the country, contributing almost \$3bn to the Australian economy. Not to mention destroying one of the most relaxing and rewarding pastimes that anyone, almost anywhere, regardless of age, skill or ability can partake. Is this something the Committee is willing to support?

On this basis alone, I urge the Committee to strongly reject this bill.

Yours sincerely

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