

Dear Sir/Madam

I'd like to make a submission in regards to the National Animal Welfare Bill 2005.

I oppose the covert attempt to ban forms of recreational fishing and the family tradition of entering fishing competitions and enjoying fishing as a pastime with catch and release fishing.

This in my eyes is an attempt by animal liberationists and extreme view vegans to attack a pastime that offers healthy family benefits to the rest of the community and trying to enforce their offbeat ideology on mainstream society.

Please do not let these extremists control the formation of policy, I ask that recreational fishing, catch and release and fishing competitions be specifically excluded from the bill.

Kind regards
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