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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 November 2024 10:38 AM  
**To:** Have Your Say (VFA)  
**Subject:** Inshore trawl bycatch response

Dear Travis,

We believe that the 100kg trip limit on octopus will not have an adverse effect on the Inshore Trawl crustacean fisherman as this I show the licence has been intended for fishers to use. At a 300 tonne total limit it will not be met with the imposed 100kg trip limit.

It is also a concern of ours with the 500kg trip limit for the commonwealth sector.

I would like to outline that since our meeting in August, as an octopus trap fisherman, we have noticed a significant decline in the catch rate of our gear closer to home (within 3 hours). This is due to the inshore trawlers working in and around our fishing gear, if we can find it. We are having to travel up to 60NM to be able to harvest octopus as our normal have been annihilated for both inshore trawl takes and lost gear.

As a quota managed fisheries is the pinnacle of fishery management, we are eagerly waiting for the unregulated bycatch to be managed accordingly.

Regards,

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