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**Subject:** Response to Proposed Fisheries (Inshore Trawl Bycatch Proposal) 2024

To Mr Dowling,

We appreciate reaching out and consulting with the Bunurong Land Council on this matter of Inshore Trawl Bycatch limits. We welcome the proposal of regulating the Inshore Trawl Bycatch for Octopus as a step in the right direction.

However we have concerns around the following;

- No scientific reports or data have been provided to demonstrate that the current cap limit of 30 tonnes on the bycatch of Octopus on Inshore Trawlers is sustainable, let alone caps for more targeted fishing of Octopus using other fishing methods in Victoria.
- We are concerned that there may be inadequate funding to sufficiently fund the research needed to assess the impacts on Octopus populations in Victorian waters.
- Our position is that this cap of 30 tonnes per year is excessive.
- That there isn't species level log books, data, or caps around specific Octopus species.

I look forward to further correspondence on this matter.

Sincerely,

**Damien Griffiths**
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We also acknowledge Bunjil our creator of the waterways and vegetation that sustained not only us but also the wildlife that ensured our surviva

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