

LNP CAN^{DO} ACTION: SAFEGUARDING FOR OUR MARINE RESOURCES

PART OF OUR PLAN TO GET QUEENSLAND BACK ON TRACK



A CanDo LNP will act to safeguard Queensland's marine resources for the future by ensuring we have an environmentally and economically sustainable fishing industry.

An LNP Government will invest \$10 million into a package which will help to restore the health and wellbeing of our fisheries and sustainability in the commercial fishing industry.

The LNP will grow a four pillar economy across our industry, and understands the importance of a viable seafood industry and the interests of the over 750,000 Queenslanders who enjoy recreational fishing.

The tired 20 year Labor Government has ignored the needs of both Queensland seafood industry and our recreational fishers.

Most fishing activity occurs in the East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery, which operates up the entire Queensland east coast.

Fishery management arrangements are complex, however all stakeholders agree that a reduction in fishing pressure is an important step in improving the health of our fishery.

The LNP is committed to delivering a strong, viable, healthy and sustainable commercial fishing industry. Under the

Under the Bligh Labor Government the commercial fishing industry has struggled and many fishermen face an uncertain future.

The LNP is committed to the health and wellbeing of our fisheries and will undertake a \$9 million voluntary buyback program in consultation with the industry. The buyback

will target large mesh and gill nets with a special focus on important recreational fishing locations and areas of high conservation value.

In addition, to ensure the long term sustainability of our fisheries, we will invest up to \$1 million in a range of sustainability measures including enhanced monitoring of fisheries on a regional basis.

This voluntary buyback will deliver greater sustainability for the commercial fishing industry.

Importantly the removal of these nets will deliver positive conservation outcomes for dugongs, turtles and inshore dolphins in waters of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. There will be increased recreational fishing opportunities and a more profitable and sustainable commercial fishing industry.

The LNP understands fishing is one of the most popular pastimes in Queensland, with an estimated 750,000 recreational fishers in this State. Fishing is very much a part of life in Queensland.

It's time for a change. With your help a strong and united LNP Government will get Queensland back on track.

LNP Policy Commitments:

- \$10 million targeted buyback of commercial fishing licences
- Restore the health of Queensland's fishery

