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My name is Patricia Wendie West. Known as Wendie. As a female in this industry since 1968 I have seen many changes by government ( none of which I can recall being financed by governments). From processing to picking up crays to managing a depot to crew to ownership of licensed pots in the crayfish industry The one thing that is missing is property rights. Fishing licences should b recognised byARMA legislation and compensated for loss by government interventionWest Australian government does not hold the same principles as the Federal Government. That is when land or permission to fish is taken from the private sector by government without proper and true compensation. Or to increase production without proper consultation and scientific evidence. Up until l the introduction of 'quota' there was constant feed back from the scientists at 'Watermans' headquarters. It appears to have been silenced. Seabird was a busy town now almost a ghost town. Regarding charter licences I believe they should be able to purchased from the open market Not extra pot licence issued. The number of fishing entitlements should be frozen Or to come from the amateur share or entitlement Regarding cheaper product to the public government intervention closed the access the average person had to purchase straight from the vessels. Restaurants were supplied straight from the fishermen Now are purchased through a company at inflated prices.

The fishermen and women have worked hard , borrowed heavily to achieve a world wide acknowledgment in sustainability. Property rights is definitely needed to stop future intervention that will put our industry to the edge of collapse as it was only a few short years ago. Flood the market prices reduce radically. No one wins Fishermen go bust. No more product all of a sudden prices are higher than before the flood

I am available Should you wish me to speak personally to the committee

Thanking you Wendie West

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