

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of Certain Citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the House:

the granting of permission for the FV Margiris to fish Australian waters. We find it unacceptable that this super trawler be allowed to fish Australian waters. This has potential for ecological disaster and the destruction of both local professional and recreational fishing. This vessel is known to have been greatly responsible for the overfishing in the north sea and south pacific and we find the risk associated with this venture to be too great for the creation of less than 40 jobs.

We therefore ask the House to:

Rescind permission for the FV Margiris to fish in Australian waters. We ask the Government to take their management responsibility seriously and refuse entry to this ship, in the interests of the long-term productivity of our marine resources, the health and well-being of vulnerable marine wildlife, and a future for the local fishing industry.