

The circumstances under which the Geelong star or Dirk Dirk was approved is in my opinion extremely dubious at best. The deal was signed off at midnight on Christmas eve by pro SPF Senator Colbeck and the definition of a super trawler was amended solely to accommodate this. The company that brought this factory trawler to Australia has been given preferential treatment around every turn of this saga and public concerns simply ignored. We know that these super trawlers leave a trail of destruction behind them and have decimated other fisheries. Why would we risk Australian fisheries for little or no benefit? Notwithstanding the environmental concerns surrounding this atrocity, the Geelong star should be immediately banned and Australian waters closed to other super trawlers immediately. The Australian people expect our leaders to look after our natural resources and in this case the complete opposite has happened. It's extremely disappointing and distressing for the majority that care about our oceans. Please ban Super trawlers completely and ban the Geelong star immediately.

Regards

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