

PRIMARY PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

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Dear Mr Barnes

**Fisheries Act 1996 Amendment Bill (No 2)**

The Primary Production Committee has been referred the Fisheries Act 1996 Amendment Bill (No 2), and would like to invite you to give evidence on the bill in the morning of Thursday, 7 August 2008, if you so desire.

I apologise for the short notice of this hearing, but Parliament has instructed the committee to report back to the House by 25 August 2008.

A copy of the bill is available from Bennetts Government Bookshop or on the New Zealand Legislation website:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2008/0240-1/latest/versions.aspx>.

If you wish to give evidence on the bill, could you please contact Mere Te Huki on (04) 817 9531 by close of business on Monday 4 August to arrange a suitable time. If we do not hear back from you, we will assume that you do not wish to give evidence.

Could you please also provide a written submission by 5.00pm on Tuesday 5 August, for the committee to read in advance of the hearing. We wish to emphasise that the purpose of the hearing is to consider the bill, and in particular the proposed amendments to section 13 of the Fisheries Act 1996. If your submission does not address these matters, or raises unrelated issues, the committee may decide not to hear from you.

Please forward two copies of the submission to:

Matthew Louwrens  
Clerk of the Committee  
Primary Production Committee  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington.

Please note that your submission will become public when released by the committee or when the committee makes its report to the House. You may apply for any or all of your evidence to be received in private or secret. Committees require reasons before agreeing to such requests. Please contact the committee clerk if you wish to make such a request. For further guidance on making a submission, the publication *Making a Submission to a Parliamentary Select Committee* can be found on the Parliamentary website at <http://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PubRes/About/Procedures/>.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the committee clerk by phone on (04) 817 9448 or by e-mail on [matthew.louwrens@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:matthew.louwrens@parliament.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

Hon David Carter  
Chairperson  
Primary Production Committee