Date [Insert the date]

**Subject line:**

I will not be voting for you next election if something isn’t done to stop the closure of the East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery

**Body Text:**

Dear Mr/Mrs [insert name of MP],

As a Fish and Chip/Takeaway business in your electorate of [Insert the name of electorate], I would like to inform your party that I will be voting elsewhere if you support the closure of Spanish Mackerel Fishery on the East Coast. Spanish Mackerel is an abundant fish along the Qld Coast and is Caught and supplied almost solely to the Australian domestic market. The fishery is well regulated with Quotas and licensing. The fishery has been stable for many years. My supply chain has been stable for years. I fear with the impending “Green Agenda” push to close the fishery, I will no longer be able to source the premium quality, fresh Australian, wild caught fish that my customers love and demand. All “GOOD” Queensland fish and chip takeaways and Cafes supply Australian Wild Caught Spanish Mackerel. My beloved customers will refuse to purchase any inferior IMPORTED Mackerel Species or some other substituted farmed fish. Neither will they be willing to pay a lot more money for another substituted species to fill this potential void with fish that is less sustainable or less in supply. Spanish Mackerel is a quality and affordable option for All Australians. With the Covid Pandemic and low tourist numbers, businesses and people are already struggling. By supporting this limiting or stopping our supply of fresh fish “YOU” are helping to put the final nail in the coffin of many small businesses along the QLD Coast.

The East Coast Spanish Mackerel Fishery has been sustainable for many years. Fishermen and Suppliers have worked within an already well regulated fishery for years and fish numbers have been steady. Supply overall to the domestic market hasn’t increased. Approximately 300 tonnes a year is harvested along the Whole QLD Coast and that hasn’t changed for years now. I ask why all the sudden the with the new “East Coast Spanish Mackerel Working Group” that the fishery is suddenly made out to be in an extremely poor position. It is just another Green led Agenda push to stop people fishing within the Great Barrier Reef, and thus promotes the need to fill the Market Gap with IMPORTED fish or AQUACULTURE grown fish. The people of QLD and Australia won’t have it.

In saying this I advise that you to:

\* Contact the and apply pressure to “Queensland Fisheries Management” and “East Coast Spanish Mackerel Working group” to re assess their Data and viewpoint of the Fishery.

\* Support the local QLD seafood Industry and suppliers

\* Support Local vendors of Australian Wild caught Spanish Mackerel

\* Support local communities to be able to purchase and enjoy the fresh seafood Australia has to offer, and not be forced to substitute that with imported or farmed products.

I kindly expect a reply to my correspondence within 2 weeks.

Kind regards,

[Insert your name and sign above]

(Insert your return mailing address for the reply)