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## Public Notices

### SOUTH COAST CULTURAL FISHING CLASS ACTION NOTICE TO GROUP MEMBERS

*Kevin Mason & Ors v State of New South Wales (Federal Court of Australia, NSD 274/2024)*  
 Kevin Mason, Wayne Carberry and Jason Davison have brought a case in the Federal Court against the State of New South Wales on behalf of all members of the South Coast Peoples (including the Min and Tharawal Nations) who have been directly or indirectly affected by the policing and prosecutions of cultural fishing on the South Coast of New South Wales. Mr Mason, Mr Carberry and Mr Davison are called the "Applicants" in this case.

The case is called a "class action" because the Applicants are bringing the case for South Coast Peoples, their family members and other persons who have been affected by the policing and prosecutions of cultural fishing by Fisheries officers between 1 January 1994 and 27 June 2023. The class action alleges that the actions of the State in policing and prosecuting cultural fishing on the South Coast breached the racial discrimination laws. The State is defending the case.

The Applicants' lawyers are JGA Saddler, and they are helping them run the case. A litigation funder called CASL is paying for the case to be brought.

#### What do you need to do to be part of the class action?

You are automatically part of the class action if:

you are a member of the South Coast Peoples; and between 1994 and 2023;

you were personally subjected to enforcement or prosecution by Fisheries while practising cultural fishing; or

you suffered cultural harm or loss as a result of the above including being unable to learn or participate, enjoy traditional diet or otherwise restricted your cultural practices,

or

You are a family member of someone who is a member of the South Coast Peoples and who was personally subjected to enforcement or prosecution by Fisheries while practising cultural fishing between 1994 and 2023, and you have experienced harm or hurt as a direct result of the enforcement or prosecution of that other person.

People of these people are called "group members".

If you want to continue to be part of the case you don't need to do anything. You will be part of the case unless you tell the Federal Court you don't want to be part of it. But it will help the Applicants in the case if you provide JGA Saddler with your information.

If you want to find out more about the case or give your information to help the case, you can:

come to an information meeting at the times and places outlined at

[www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au](http://www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au)

or ring JGA Saddler on 02 9052 7557

or go to JGA Saddler's class action website at [www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au](http://www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au)

You don't have to pay anything upfront to be part of the case. You will only have to pay something at the end of the case you get money from it. If the State pays money to claimants including you, the State will seek a maximum commission of 25%, plus what it costs to run the case to be deducted from that money before it is distributed, so that everyone who benefits from the class action contributes to those costs. The Court has to approve this before it happens.

Choosing to remain part of the case means that you will be bound by the result whether it wins, loses, or settles.

Continuing to be part of the class action will mean that, whatever the result in the class action, it is likely that you will lose any right you might have had to bring the same or similar claims in an individual case.

#### What do you need to do if you don't want to be part of the class action?

If you don't want to be part of the case you need to fill out a form to tell that to the Federal Court. This is called "opting out" and the form you must fill out to not be part of the case is called an "Opt Out Notice".

You can get a copy of the Opt Out Notice from [www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au](http://www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au) or by ringing JGA Saddler on 02 9052 7557, or by attending an information meeting.

An Opt Out Notice must be sent by post to the New South Wales Registry of the Federal Court at Locked Mail Bag A6000 Sydney South NSW 1235 or by email to [nswreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:nswreg@fedcourt.gov.au) before 9 November 2024.

If you choose not to be part of the case, then you will have the option to bring your own case if you think you have a claim against the State. You should get your own legal advice about this. This entitlement is made pursuant to the order of the Federal Court made on 10 September 2024.

Please ring JGA Saddler on 02 9052 7557 or visit [www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au](http://www.culturalfishingclassaction.com.au) to find out when they will be visiting a town near you for an information session.

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### MANILDRA GROUP COMMUNITY NOTICE

Manildra Group extends our gratitude to the residents of Bomaderry for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during this time. We value our relationship with the local community and appreciate your continued support.

On Thursday, 17th October, at approximately 10pm, a structural failure occurred at our Shoalhaven Starches site, affecting three grain silos and resulting in some grain spilling into the Shoalhaven River.

To ensure a coordinated and effective response, Manildra Group is working with authorities and regulatory bodies, including SafeWork NSW, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, and the NSW Environment Protection Agency.

The safe and timely demolition of the affected structures is a priority, requiring work to continue 24/7. These works may increase noise and vibration in the surrounding area. We value the wellbeing of the local community and recognise the potential impact of these activities. Manildra Group has committed to reducing noise and vibrations during the hours of 10pm to 6am daily. Manildra Group has engaged an independent noise consultant to assist in identifying and minimising noise and vibration from the demolition and clean-up activities.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact our team during business hours on (02) 44238 200, via email [nowra.reception@manildra.com.au](mailto:nowra.reception@manildra.com.au) or after hours on 1300 300 104.

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