

Statutory Declaration
OATHS ACT 1900, NSW, EIGHTH SCHEDULE

I, PAUL JASON SMITH of "Mornington" Bevan Road, Mullion Creek, Builder, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

1. In December, 2011 at attended at my property at 1771 Long Road Point, Long Point to observe the results of the aquatic study.
2. I saw two men carrying out the study at the end of "Little Ripple Hole" and the start of "Gardner's Water Hole".
3. They advised me that they had set nets in the river late in the afternoon on the previous day. I observed them pull their nets out (about 3 or 4) from the river. They had only caught a small red fin.
4. I commented on how they didn't catch anything and told them what was being caught by us in the river. I showed them photographs on my mobile phone of the murray cod which had been caught and released in close proximity to their study.
5. They said that they were ill equipped and not told about the width, depth or size of the hole that they had to study and that they needed a boat to do a proper study and bigger nets so that they could net across the entire width of the river.
6. They also used an electric stunning device and waded several metres from the river bank into the river. They advised that this device only covered a radius of 2 to 3 metres. I said to them that by the time they waded into the river they would have scared the fish away. They commented "yer probably".
7. Earlier this year my son, Connor Smith, caught a trout cod at the same location. Annexed hereto is a photograph of this fish.

8. Also annexed is a photograph of a murray cod (aged approximately 50 years) caught in the same location by Ken Smith earlier this year which is known to live in the area as well as photographs of some other fish caught in the area.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*.

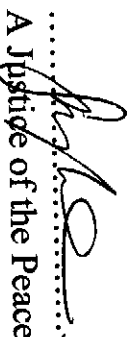
Declared at Orange
On 14 October, 2012



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[signature of declarant]
in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I, Skye Peters, a Justice of the Peace, certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:

1. I saw the face of the person, and
2. I have known the person for at least 12 months

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A Justice of the Peace

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