

Commonwealth of Australia

Exemption under section 303A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

I, **David Alistair Kemp**, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, hereby exempt, under s 303A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the persons specified in the Schedule from the application of all of the provisions of Part 13 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in relation to the action specified in the Schedule, on and after the date of this notice.

Schedule

Specified persons

- the Commonwealth; and
- all Commonwealth agencies, within the meaning of that term in s.528 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and
- all persons acting on behalf of the Commonwealth; and
- all persons providing services or carrying out activities for the purposes of or in connection with the action specified in this Schedule.

Specified action

Establishment and ongoing operation of an Immigration Reception and Processing Centre, together with associated services and infrastructure, on the Territory of Christmas Island comprising:

- Design, construction and operation of an Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) on that area of land shown as ML 138 and ML 139 on Map 94/068 produced by the Australian Surveying and Land Information Group.
- Construction of additional housing and associated infrastructure for staff and other persons associated with the IRPC, located within or immediately adjacent to the existing residential settlement in the north east corner of Christmas Island.
- Works associated with laying and operation of cables, pipes and other infrastructure within the currently cleared corridor along the road that commences as Murray road and proceeds from near the power station to the Central Area Workshop site and then to the IRPC site to enable the supply of power, water and other services to the IRPC.
- Construction and operation of a temporary construction camp on the area of land immediately north of the existing cricket ground, situated between Irvine Hill and Phosphate Hill and shown on Map 94/068 produced by the Australian Surveying and Land Information Group and delineated by Australian Surveying and Land Information Group Christmas Island 85 grid coordinates (24504, 66783)(24739, 66747)(24756, 66658)(24778, 66588)(24706, 66573)(24681, 66597)(24636, 66603)(24555, 66581)


Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Dated this Third day of April 2002