



## Commonwealth of Australia

### Notice of exemption under section 158(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*

- (1) I, Greg Hunt, Minister for the Environment, acting under section 158(3) of the EPBC Act, being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, exempt action or actions undertaken by any persons managing or responding to maritime environmental emergencies in accordance with the National Plan from the application of all of the provisions of Part 3 of the EPBC Act.
- (2) The exemption given in paragraph (1) of this notice commences on the date of this notice and continues in force until such time as it is withdrawn.
- (3) In this notice:

**EPBC Act** means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*.

**maritime environmental emergency** means the potential or actual pollution of the sea, or harm to the marine environment, by oil or other hazardous and noxious substances.

**National Plan** means the *National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies* as amended and updated from time to time.

  
Signed by Greg Hunt, Minister for the Environment

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014