



Commonwealth of Australia

Exemption under section 158 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*

I, Greg Hunt, Minister for the Environment, being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, exempt, under section 158 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (**EPBC Act**), the State of Western Australia and those acting on behalf of the State of Western Australia, from the application of all of the provisions of Part 3 of the EPBC Act in relation to the following action:

The setting of up to seventy two (72) baited drum lines each with a single approximately size 25/0 hook, in Western Australian state waters, and management of those lines in accordance with Schedule 2 and Addendum 1 of Request for Tender DPC 1596 (Shark Drum Line Deployment, Management and Associated Services), until 30 April 2014.

This exemption takes effect on the date of this notice.



Minister for the Environment

Dated this 10th day of January 2014