

# Commonwealth of Australia

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

I, **Peter Garrett**, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, hereby exempt, under section 303A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the persons specified in this notice, 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 this notice.

### Specified persons

- The Director of National Parks; and
- any person authorised, directed or requested by the Director of National Parks to take the specified action.

### Specified action

The establishment and operation of a captive breeding program for the Christmas Island pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus murrayi*), as recommended by the Christmas Island Expert Working Group Revised Interim Report including but not limited to:

- immediate capture of sufficient animals on Christmas Island to establish a breeding colony;
- capture of sufficient animals on Christmas Island to maintain a breeding colony;
- construction of breeding facilities to house the animals on Christmas Island;
- movement of animals to breeding facilities that will house them outside Christmas Island;
- captive husbandry within the breeding facilities; and
- release of animals from the breeding facilities back to natural habitat on Christmas Island.

  
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**Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts**

Dated this Seventh day of July 2009