



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 and from section 74AA of the EPBC Act in relation to the following action:

The deployment of fishing gear in Western Australian state waters to catch a shark posing an imminent threat to public safety as defined in the Western Australian Department of Fisheries *Guidelines for fishing for sharks posing an imminent threat to public safety*, and that is to be monitored throughout their deployment, for up to three (3) days (which includes the date of this notice).



Minister for the Environment

Dated this 2nd day of October 2014