



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), Dr Ian Gynther of the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and those acting on his behalf from the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and University of Queensland, from the application of all of the provisions of Part 3 and Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act in relation to the action specified in this notice.

Specified action

The capture, removal and establishment of a captive colony of Bramble Cay melomys (*Melomys rubicola*) from Bramble Cay, Queensland, including but not limited to:

- the capture of as many individuals as possible Bramble Cay so as to establish a captive colony for conservation purposes;
- holding Bramble Cay melomys (*Melomys rubicola*) in captivity;
- captive husbandry of the Bramble Cay melomys.
- establish a captive colony at the University of Queensland's Gatton campus.

This exemption takes effect on the date of this notice.



Minister for the Environment

Dated this 3rd day of September 2014