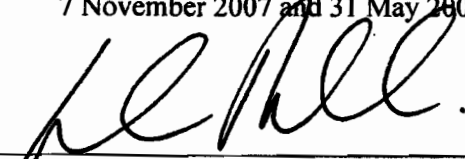


Commonwealth of Australia

**Notice of Exemption under the
*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***

I, **Malcolm Bligh Turnbull**, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, under s 158 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, exempt the Tasmanian Government, and those acting on behalf of the Government, from the application of all of the provisions of Part 3 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in relation to the following action:

The release of up to 2,000 megalitres of water from Lake Crescent, Tasmania, for purposes critical to human need, including for town supply, domestic supply for riparian land holders and for stock, between 7 November 2007 and 31 May 2008.



Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

Dated this 7th day of November 2007