



Commonwealth of Australia

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

I, Josh Frydenberg, Minister for the Environment and Energy, acting under section 158 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (EPBC Act) and being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, exempt the State of New South Wales, and those acting on behalf of the State of New South Wales, from sections 18, 18A, 20, 20A, 23 and 24A of Part 3, and Part 7 through to Part 9 of Chapter 4 of the EPBC Act, in relation to the following action:

Further north coast shark mesh net trials during the period of 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2019 inclusive, in accordance with the *Operational requirements for any further NSW north coast shark mesh net trials* (September 2017) attached to the New South Wales Minister's exemption request letter dated 4 October 2017.

This exemption takes effect on 1 November 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Frydenberg', written over a horizontal line.

Minister for the Environment and Energy

Dated the 26 day of October 2017