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Department of the Environment and Energy

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Dear Dr ~~Allen~~

I am writing to you as the Delegate of the Minister for the Environment to confirm ongoing environmental approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) for the New South Wales Sea Urchin and Turban Shell Restricted Fishery (the fishery).

In August 2018 your department applied for export approval for this fishery under the EPBC Act. After assessment against the Australian Government *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries – 2nd Edition*, I have declared the fishery as approved List of Exempt Native Specimens (LENS) under Part 13A of the EPBC Act until 31 March 2028. The LENS has been amended to allow export of product from the fishery.

There are now six NSW fisheries on the LENS which are not due for reassessment until 31 March 2028. I would like to take this opportunity remind you that all fisheries placed on the LENS are subject to three recommendations, provided at **Attachment 1**. Implementation of these recommendations provide confidence that the fishery management arrangements continue to remain sustainable and meet the relevant requirements of the EPBC Act.

Thank you for the constructive way in which your officials have approached this assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Murphy'.

Paul Murphy
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment
22 October 2018

Recommendations to the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries on the ecologically sustainable management fisheries - List of Exempt Native Specimens

1. Operation of the Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the Management Plan in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (NSW).
2. The NSW Department of Primary Industry to inform the Department of the Environment and Energy of any intended material changes to the Fishery management arrangements that may affect the assessment against which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are made.
3. The NSW Department of Primary Industry to produce and present reports to the Department of the Environment and Energy annually as per Appendix B of the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.