



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

The Hon Niall Blair MLC
Minister for Primary Industries
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

I am writing to you as the Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy, in relation to ongoing environmental approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the New South Wales Estuary Prawn fishery.

I am pleased to advise that export approval for the above fishery will be extended to ten years. The Department of the Environment and Energy and the NSW Department of Primary Industries have worked collaboratively on the assessment and agreed that the fishery meets the relevant requirements of the EPBC Act.

I consider that the Estuary Prawn Fishery operates in line with the Australian Government *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries – 2nd Edition*. Given the management arrangements and precautionary measures in place, I have agreed to amend the list of exempt native specimens, allowing export from this fishery until 31 March 2028.

I would like to acknowledge the strong engagement and collaboration of your officials in completing this assessment.

Yours sincerely

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

Paul Murphy
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy
1 May 2018