



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Environment and Energy**

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Dear Mr Rowling

I am writing to you as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment in relation to the reassessment of the South Australian Marine Scalefish Fishery (the fishery) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

In March 2019, the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) applied for export approval for the fishery under the EPBC Act. The application has been published on the Department of the Environment and Energy's website for a mandatory public comment period of at least 20 business days. A full fishery assessment will be conducted once the public comment period has been completed.

The Department has granted a short-term approval by amending the list of exempt native specimens (LENS) to include products taken in the South Australian Marine Scalefish Fishery. This short-term approval will allow sufficient time for the Department to undertake a full assessment against the requirements under the EPBC Act, including consideration of any public comments received. The existing Part 13 approval addresses issues concerning Australian Sea Lions, and this remains in place.

Yours sincerely

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

Paul Murphy  
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment  
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