



## Australian Government

### Department of the Environment and Water Resources

The Hon Tony Rundle  
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Australian Fisheries Management Authority  
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Dear Mr Rundle,

I refer to my letter of 31 January 2007 advising of my intention to reaccredit the amended *Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003* (the Plan), as described in the *Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2006 (No. 2)*, under section 33 and Part 13 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). I also advised that a number of legislative steps were required before these decisions could be finalised.

I am pleased to advise that these legislative processes have been completed and that the reaccreditation of the amended Plan has been finalised.

In my letter of 31 January 2007, I made statements to the effect that actions provided for or taken in accordance with the amended Plan would not be expected to contravene the protected species provisions of the EPBC Act. The legislative instrument formalising the accreditation of the amended Plan under the protected species provisions of Part 13 of the EPBC Act was signed on 31 January 2007.

On 6 February 2007 a notice of intent to accredit the amendments to the Plan under section 33 of the EPBC Act was tabled in Parliament. The disallowance period for the notice has now elapsed and, as a Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, I have recently signed a declaration formally reaccrediting the amended management plan pursuant to section 33 of the EPBC Act.

I would like to thank you for the constructive way in which your officers have engaged in notifying the Department of the Environment and Water Resources of changes to the *Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003* and ensuring that the decisions made under the EPBC Act, relating to the fishery, remain valid.

Yours sincerely

(signed)

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Department of the Environment and Water Resources  
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