



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

**Accreditation of a Policy formulated by the Protected Zone Joint Authority
(PZJA) for the Purposes of Part 13**

I, ANDREW MCNEE, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, being satisfied that:

- The policy for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery in force under the Commonwealth *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the *Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985*, requires persons engaged in fishing under the policy to take all reasonable steps to ensure that members of listed threatened species (other than conservation dependent species), listed migratory species, cetaceans and listed marine species are not killed or injured as a result of the fishing; and
- The fishery to which the policy relates does not, or is not likely to, adversely affect:
 - the survival or recovery in nature of any listed threatened species; or
 - the conservation status of a listed migratory species, cetacean, or listed marine species or a population of that species,

hereby accredit the policy formulated by the PZJA for the Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery, in force under the Commonwealth *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the *Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985*, pursuant to sections 208A, 222A, 245 and 265 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the purposes of Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part 13 of the EPBC Act.

Dated this 22 day of November 2007

.....Andrew McNee.....
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources