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**Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment**

Mr Ian Curnow
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Dear Mr ~~Curnow~~

I am writing to you as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment in relation to the Northern Territory Coastal Line Fishery.

On 9 September 2021, the Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade wrote to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to request a 12-month extension to the Northern Territory Coastal Line Fishery's export accreditation. When requesting the extension, your organisation noted a new management framework was being developed for the fishery and should be implemented by January 2023.

I understand the new management framework is expected to include a new harvest strategy for the fishery, improved access and allocation arrangements, a detailed monitoring and research plan, and a revised compliance plan.

After seeking further advice from your organisation on these matters, I have agreed to extend export approval for the fishery via an amendment to the List of Exempt Native Specimens. This will allow products taken in the fishery to continue to be exported without a permit until 30 June 2023. This should provide sufficient time for you to implement the new management framework. It will also allow my team to fully assess the fishery once the new arrangements are in place.

If you have questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Matthew Flood, Director, Sustainable Fisheries Section, at matt.flood@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Sincock'.

Adam Sincock
Principal Director
Wildlife Trade Office
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment
(3 December 2021)