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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
MEMBER FOR FARRER**

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Dear Minister

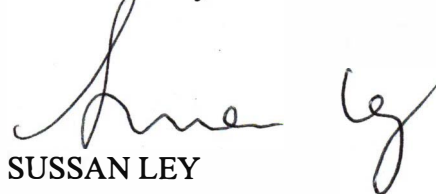
As noted in my letter of 2 December 2021, I am legally required, under section 303FT(9) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act), to revoke an approved WTO if I am satisfied a declaration's condition has been contravened. After considering the information provided by the Queensland Government and advice provided by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, I am satisfied the following conditions have been contravened:

- Conditions 5(b), Condition 8(b) and Condition 9 of the *Declaration of an Approved Wildlife Trade Operation – Queensland Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fin Fish Fishery, March 2019*.
- Condition 5 of the *Declaration of Approved Wildlife Trade Operations – Queensland Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery and Queensland Mud Crab Fishery, May 2019*.

I have therefore revoked the WTO declarations for these fisheries and these arrangements will come into force on 21 December 2021. After this date, product harvested from the fisheries cannot be exported without seeking an individual export permit.

The Commonwealth remains strongly committed to the commercial fishing sector and believes it has a long-term, sustainable future. Any future WTO approvals that would allow the resumption of exports from these fisheries will be contingent on the Queensland Government demonstrating it has sufficiently progressed the reforms specified in the original conditions.

Yours sincerely



SUSSAN LEY