



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

The Hon Tim Mulherin, MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries
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Dear Minister

I am writing to you as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts in relation to the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 1995* being replaced by the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.

All *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) accreditations (Part 13 and 13A) were granted for each fishery's management regime/plan (in place at the time of accreditation) as made under the *Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 1995*.

I understand that the change in legislation has not resulted in any changes to the management of the fisheries. The change is largely administrative, and has been conducted to modernise the legislation and remove duplication and inconsistencies.

The administrative nature of the changes has not negatively affected the assessments of the fisheries against the criteria on which EPBC Act decisions were based and as such I have determined that new assessments are not required at this point in time.

Therefore, we have had to re accredit the export declarations and protected species accreditations which referred to the *Fisheries Regulation 1995* to reflect the new *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.

You will be able to find copies of these new declarations and accreditation on our web site at <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/fisheries/qld/index.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Claire Howlett, Director, Sustainable Fisheries Section on (02) 6274 1917.

Yours sincerely

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

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