



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

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Dear Professor Begg

I am writing to you as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment in relation to your application of October 2021 to have the South Australian Lakes and Coorong Fishery declared as a Wildlife Trade Operation under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

As part of this assessment, the department has become aware the South Australian Government is scheduled to introduce a new management plan for the fishery that will come into effect from 1 March 2022.

Given the new plan is expected to make several changes to the fishery's management arrangements, this now requires a new application, minimum public consultation period of 20 business days and assessment by the department. To commence this process, PIRSA now needs to submit this application and ensure it includes the new management arrangements for the fishery.

In the interim, I have agreed to extend the current export approval for the fishery via an amendment to the List of Exempt Native Specimens until 25 August 2022. This will provide time for the department to undertake the necessary public consultation while also avoiding the need to complete two assessments within a 6-month period. I understand from our recent discussions that you support this approach.

To ensure the fishery is assessed before export approval expires on 25 August 2022, I request PIRSA submits the new application before the end of March 2022.

I look forward to working with you and your team on this assessment over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Sincock', written in a cursive style.

Adam Sincock
Principal Director
Wildlife Trade Office
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

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