



New South Wales

Fisheries Management (Continuation of Activities in Lowland Darling River Catchment—Menindee Lakes) Interim Order 2004

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

I, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, in pursuance of section 221IG of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, make the following interim Order.

Dated, this 3rd day of December 2003.

IAN MICHAEL MACDONALD, M.L.C.,

Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

Explanatory note

The aquatic ecological community in the natural drainage system of the lowland catchment of the Darling River is listed as an endangered ecological community under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (*the Act*).

However, the Act enables the Minister to make an order authorising a class of persons to carry out an activity that may result in harm to an endangered species, population or ecological community or damage to its habitat. While such a proposed order is being assessed under the Act, the Minister may make an interim order lasting up to 6 months to allow an existing activity to be continued.

The object of this interim Order is to allow the extraction of water from the Menindee Lakes by or on behalf of the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation to continue from the date this interim Order is published in the Gazette until 30 April 2004.

This interim Order is made under section 221IG of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

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1 Name of interim Order

This interim Order is the *Fisheries Management (Continuation of Activities in Lowland Darling River Catchment—Menindee Lakes) Interim Order 2004*.

2 Commencement and duration

This interim Order:

- (a) takes effect on the date that it is published in the Gazette, and
- (b) ceases to have effect on 30 April 2004.

Note. Under section 221II of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, orders made under section 221IA of the Act and interim orders made under section 221IG of the Act may be revoked by the Minister at any time by notification in the Gazette.

3 Continuation of existing activities

The extraction of water from the Menindee Lakes by or on behalf of the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation may continue for the duration of this Order.

BY AUTHORITY