



Fisheries Management (Continuation of Activities Relating to Murray Crayfish) Interim Order 2013

under the

Fisheries Management Act 1994

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

Dated, this 8th day of August 2013.

KATRINA HODGKINSON, M.P.,
Minister for Primary Industries

Explanatory note

Murray crayfish (*Euastacus armatus*) is listed as a vulnerable species under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (*the Act*).

However, section 221IA of 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 a threatened 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 recreational fishers to continue to take and possess Murray crayfish for a period of 6 months, subject to compliance with any applicable fishing regulatory controls imposed by or under the Act.

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

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Fisheries Management (Continuation of Activities Relating to Murray Crayfish) Interim Order 2013*.

2 Commencement

This Order:

- (a) commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette, and
- (b) remains in force for 6 months, and
- (c) is repealed at the end of the last day on which it has effect.

3 Continuation of existing activities

Recreational fishers may continue to take and possess *Euastacus armatus* (Murray crayfish), subject to compliance with any requirements imposed by or under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* that apply to or in respect of the activities concerned.

BY AUTHORITY