



**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999*

**Notice of Intent**

**Accreditation of a plan for a declaration under Section 33.**

(Issued by the Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage)

I, Andrew McNee, Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, pursuant to subsection 33(3), hereby propose to accredit the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2005* for the purposes of a declaration under subsection 33(1). In doing so I am satisfied that:

- The *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2005* in force under the Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991* meets the criteria prescribed by the regulations;
- There has been adequate assessment of the impacts that actions approved in accordance with the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2005* have, will have or are likely to have on the environment when taken in a Commonwealth Marine Area as protected by sections 23 and 24A; and
- Actions approved or taken in accordance with the *Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery Management Plan 2005* will not have unacceptable or unsustainable impacts on the environment when taken in a Commonwealth Marine Area as protected by sections 23 and 24A.

Dated this      twenty first day of October      2005

.....Andrew McNee.....  
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage