

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999

DECISION ON ASSESSMENT APPROACH

I, CATHERINE ANNE PARSONS, a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage under the EPBC Act, hereby decide under section 87 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* that the approach that must be used for assessment of the relevant impacts of the proposed action described in the Schedule is assessment by preliminary documentation.

SCHEDULE

The proposed action by Pacific Reef Fisheries (Australia) Pty Ltd to expand operation of the existing prawn farm at Alva Beach, North Queensland, from 68 hectares to approximately 98 hectares (30 hectares of growout ponds) and associated treatment pond. (EPBC 2001/402).

Dated this 15th day of January 2002



ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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