

**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2007: SECTION 115**  
**Exemption Number ME9903291**

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to section 115 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, the class of persons listed in Schedule 1 (the 'exemption holders') are exempt from section 71(2) of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and regulation 14 of the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017*, but only insofar as they may use the device described in Schedule 2 to deter Long-nosed Fur Seals from interacting with fishing gear that is being lawfully used under their fishery licences (the 'exempted activity'), during the period specified in Schedule 3 (unless varied or revoked earlier), subject to the conditions specified in Schedule 4.

**SCHEDULE 1**

The holder of a Lakes and Coorong Fishery licence that is subject to a net endorsement or their registered masters or agents, who also hold a current permit from the Department for Environment and Water to use non-lethal seal deterrents within the Lakes and Coorong Commercial fishery.

**SCHEDULE 2**

Underwater percussion device comprising of a wound kraft paper tube 83mm long and 16mm in diameter which contains a maximum of 2.5g of flash powder and Visco fuse (2 mm) with maximum length of 102mm inserted within the tube with 70mm extending out of the paper tube, and which conforms with the classification of United Nations number 0428, CLASS 1.1G.

**SCHEDULE 3**

From 12:01 am on 13 January 2024 until 11:59 on 12 January 2025.

**SCHEDULE 4**

1. This exemption may only be used in conjunction with a current permit issued by the Department for Environment and Water authorising the use of Seal Control Units.
2. The device as described in Schedule 2 may only be used in the waters of the Lakes and Coorong Fishery as defined in the *Fisheries Management (Lakes and Coorong Fishery) Regulations 2009*, subject to any existing restrictions under the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* or other applicable legislation.
3. While engaging in the exempted activity, the exemption holder, registered masters and/or agents must be in possession of a copy of this notice and a copy of a current permit issued by the Department for Environment and Water authorising the use of Seal Control Units. This notice and the permit must be produced to a Fisheries Officer or Warden appointed under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* if requested.

4. The exemption holder must not contravene or fail to comply with the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*, licence conditions or any regulations made under that Act, except where specifically exempted by this notice.

This notice does not purport to override the provisions or operation of any other Act. The exemption holder and his/her agents are therefore obliged to comply with any relevant regulations, permits, requirements and directions from the Department for Environment and Water when undertaking the exempted activity.

Dated 12 January 2024

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

**Benn Gramola**  
**A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE**  
Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development