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**NOTICE TO MARINE SCALEFISH, GULF ST VINCENT PRAWN, NORTHERN
ZONE ROCK LOBSTER, BLUE CRAB, CENTRAL ZONE ABALONE, SARDINE,
AND CHARTER BOAT FISHERY LICENCE HOLDERS**

Fishing closure in waters around *MV Andrew Wilson*

Dear Licence Holder,

The State Government has committed to supporting coastal communities through impacts of the algal bloom by implementing a range of measures, including the scuttling of *MV Andrew Wilson*.

The scuttling will provide a new attraction for the scuba diving community and fishers, while complementing other artificial reef initiatives announced as part of the Algal Bloom Summer Plan.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is leading the delivery of the project with a Reference Group established to support the coordinated planning, consultation, and decision making for the project. Following technical investigations and consultation with the Reference Group, a scuttling site was proposed in Gulf St Vincent (see map attached):

- **Location:** 35.01.421 S 138.26.840 E, approximately 5-6 km west of Brighton Jetty.
- **Area:** A 200 m radius around the centre point located at 35.01.421 S 138.26.840 E (approximately 12.6 ha).
- **Water depth:** Approximately 20 m.
- **Navigational clearance:** Approximately 6-8 m from the water surface to the highest point of the vessel, which does not necessitate the installation of navigational markers.

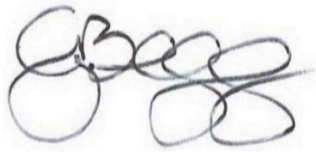
Further to the consultation letters sent from the Algal Bloom Coordination Unit on 30 June 2026 to relevant peak bodies, as delegate for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, I have approved a temporary prohibition notice under section 79 of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* to prohibit all fishing activities within a 200 m radius of the centre point of the scuttling site from 7 September 2026 for a 12-month period for all sectors. The 12-month closure is intended to allow enhanced aggregation of fish prior to fishing activities recommencing within the area.

A copy of the prohibition notice is attached for your reference.

Should you have any queries in regard to the fishing management arrangements outlined above, please contact Jordan Lear – Fisheries Manager on 0401 121 955 or at or email: jordan.lear@sa.gov.au.

For further information regarding the scuttling of *MV Andrew Wilson*, please contact James Buder, at DIT.MarineSafety@sa.gov.au or on telephone 1300 183 046.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

Prof Gavin Begg
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Attachments:
Map of the proposed scuttling site for *MV Andrew Wilson*
Section 79 notice – *MV Andrew Wilson*