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Dear Mr McNamara

### **Details-stage Regulation Impact Statement – for assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached final details-stage Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) for managing interactions with Dolphins in the Gillnet Hook and Trap Sector of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery.

I am satisfied that the final details-stage RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 9 September 2013. Specifically, AFMA has:

- Included a more detailed account of consultation undertaken with the South East Management Advisory Committee and broader industry members to address the immediate problem;
- Included a more detailed account of consultation undertaken to develop future arrangements for the management of the fishery including the establishment of the Dolphin Management Strategy;
- Updated the Executive Summary to accurately reflect the main body of the RIS; and
- Ensured the analysis and conclusion of the RIS clearly identifies the preferred option to address the issue is to take regulatory action in the form of a Closure Direction.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the final details-stage RIS now meets the Government's best practice regulation requirements.

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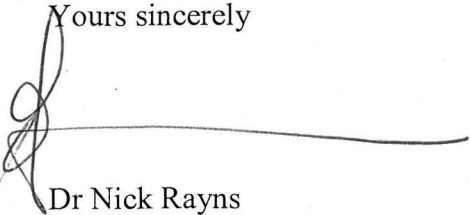
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I note that AFMA has prepared a single-stage RIS, and as no decision been previously announced, an options-stage RIS was not required.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal assessment.

Yours sincerely

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11 September 2013