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Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)

Section 279

Variation of a Threat Abatement Plan

I, GREG HUNT, Minister for the Environment, under section 279 of the Environment *Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth), having reviewed the Threat Abatement Plan 2006 for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations, which was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments on 16 October 2006, have decided to vary that threat abatement plan by replacing it with a revised threat abatement plan for the key threatening process as specified below:

| Key Threatening Process | Threat Abatement Plan |
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| The incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations | Department of the Environment (2014). Threat Abatement Plan 2014 for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations |

The Threat Abatement Plan 2014 for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations will come into force on the day after the plan is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

The Plan is available electronically from the Australian Government Department of the Environment's website at: http://www.environment.gov.au. Copies of the Plan can also be requested from the Department's Community Information Unit (ciu@environment.gov.au); or by post to the Australian Government Department of the Environment, GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2601 or by telephone on 1800 803 772.

Dated this 14th day of August 2014.

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