



## Australian Government

### Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Mr Robert Legge  
Mayor  
Break O' Day Council  
PO Box 21, St Helens  
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Dear Mayor

I refer to your letter to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP of 28 January 2010 relating to the annual events to be staged by the St Helens Game Fishing Club's during February and March 2010. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Thank you for providing information as to how the tournaments are proposed to be run.

In particular we note that the manner in which the tournaments will be run is intended promote sustainable fishing practices. On this basis, the Department is prepared to indicate now in applying its Compliance and Enforcement Policy it would not take any enforcement action under the current law against either an individual or the St Helens Game Fishing Club for activities occurring during the tournaments.

In this regard and consistent with your stance on sustainable fishing, we would ask you to strongly encourage participants to give preference to catch and release fishing and avoid the killing of Mako sharks wherever possible.

If you would like more information or clarification on any of the matters mentioned in this letter please contact Mr Drew McLean on (02) 6274 2384 or [drew.mclean@environment.gov.au](mailto:drew.mclean@environment.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

  
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Cc: Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck

