

Appendix A

Environmental Impact Statement Requirement Letter from Northern Territory Natural Resources, Environmental and Heritage



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Dear Mr Hubbert *Lance*

Reference is made to my letter of 9 December 2005 advising you that the sea cage barramundi nursery farm proposed for Darwin Harbour will require assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* at the level of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Draft guidelines for the matters to be addressed in the EIS were advertised and made available for public review. There were no comments from the public.

The guidelines have now been finalised taking into account the comments received from Government agencies. The main concerns related to potential impacts on marine species and adjacent habitats, navigation hazards, impact on recreation in the area, and logistical issues associated with access.

In accordance with clause 8(5) of the Administrative Procedures of the *Environmental Assessment Act* I now direct Marine Harvest to prepare the EIS addressing the matters set out in the enclosed guidelines.

Yours sincerely

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