

Appendix A

**Environmental Impact Statement Requirement Letter from Northern Territory
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Dear Dr Foster

Reference is made to my letter of 28 December 2004, advising you that the proposed Marine Harvest Barramundi Fish Farm (Snake Bay) will require assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* at the level of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Draft guidelines for the EIS were advertised locally, and made available for public review for a period of two weeks, concluding on 18 April 2005. The draft guidelines were also circulated to Northern Territory Government agencies for comment.

The guidelines have now been finalised taking into consideration the issues raised in the comments received.

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

The draft EIS should be made available for public comment for a period of 4 weeks. Public exhibition of your draft EIS during the Christmas – New Year holiday period would not allow a thorough community review of your proposal. Accordingly, if you do not submit your draft EIS before 18 November 2005, then I direct that lodgement is held over until after 20 Jan 2006.

Yours sincerely

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