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Dear Mr Chara,

VICTORIAN COMMERCIAL FISHING STATEMENT

Thank you for your letter dated 19 May 2010 to the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Joe Helper MP, in relation to the daily catch limit for yabbies taken by recreational fishers in the context of the draft Victoria commercial fishing statement of intent. On this occasion, the Minister has asked that I address your enquiry on his behalf. I also refer to your recent correspondence to the Department of Primary Industries regarding this matter.

I have reviewed all of your previous correspondence and the government responses in light of your ongoing concern about this matter.

As previously advised, I have concluded that the reasons and process used to amend the recreational fishing daily bag limit for yabbies are valid. Accordingly, I have decided to retain the current bag limit under the current circumstances, noting that all fishing rules are subject to future review.

Please note any further correspondence from you regarding this matter will be recorded without reply.

Thank you for your considerable interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Travis Dowling
Director Fisheries Management
Fisheries Victoria

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