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Dear Mr Konstantaras

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2020, regarding transitioning of the management of the NSW Southern Fish Trawl Restricted Fishery from NSW to the Commonwealth, I appreciate the reasons that have prompted you to write and I apologise for the delay in responding.

I would like to commend the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW on its support for the supply of fresh, locally caught fish to consumers. As you know, the State's regional communities and their commercial fishers have faced, and are continuing to face, many pressures. Drought and bushfires have devastated communities, and COVID-19 has disrupted the supply of our commercially sustainably caught fish to important markets.

With regard to the transition of the NSW Southern Fish Trawl from NSW to the Commonwealth, please be advised the details are still being considered, however I have asked Dr Veronica Silberschneider, A/Senior Fisheries Manager, Commercial Fishing & Aquaculture, to be available to discuss this matter in more detail. Dr Silberschneider can be contacted on (02) 9435 4679.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Adam Marshall
MINISTER

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