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Dear Mr ^{PAUL} Watson

I write to you regarding the revised South Australian Sardine Industry Association (SASIA) *Code of Practice for mitigating the interactions of the South Australian Sardine Fishery with wildlife* you have provided for my endorsement.

As demonstrated by the significant reduction in dolphin mortalities since the introduction of the Code of Practice in 2005, the mitigation measures applied in the Code are believed to be effective in preventing dolphin encirclements and mortalities. It is important skippers and crew give effect to the Code of Practice to prevent dolphin encirclements and mortalities.

I note the revised Code focuses on the following issues:

- o development of an education package for skippers and crew on the Code; and
- o regular meetings between PIRSA, SASIA, licence holders and skippers to ensure all parties understand their obligations in the application of the Code.

These points will provide stronger governance and responsibility for the application of the Code of Practice.

I have endorsed the revised Code of Practice and consider the amendments SASIA has incorporated as progress in the continuing task of preventing dolphin interactions. SASIA is to be commended for the commitment to continuous improvement in reducing interactions with protected wildlife on the seas.

Should you have any further queries in regard to this matter please contact Mr Steve Shanks, Sardine Fishery manager, PIRSA on (08) 8 429 0197.

Yours sincerely

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