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Dear Lorraine,

I refer to your email of 12 May 2011 seeking comments during public exhibition of the Draft "*Australia's 2011 National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks - Shark-plan 2*".

I am advised that staff from the Fisheries Ecosystems unit sit on the Shark-plan Implementation and Review Committee (SIRC). Their involvement has included the review of the 2004 Shark-plan 1, the formulation of the review paper, attendance at stakeholder workshops, and assistance with the development of Shark-plan 2.

The positive working relationship between the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and DPI-Fisheries, particularly through the SIRC, has enabled the development of a concise and collaborative draft Shark-plan 2. As such, I have attached only limited typographical comments at this time.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Marcel Green, Senior Environmental Assessments Officer and the DPI-Fisheries representative on the SIRC, on 8437 4933.

Yours sincerely

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