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FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994

s.8 Notification - Fishing Closure

Line Fishing

Stockton Beach (Stockton) to Big Gibber (Hawks Nest)

I, IAN MACDONALD MLC, Minister for Primary Industries, pursuant to section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* ("the Act"), do by this notification, prohibit the taking of all species of fish by the methods of fishing specified in Column 1 of the Schedule of this notification, from waters shown in Column 2 of the Schedule.

This prohibition is effective until the 31st December 2005.

Schedule

<i>Column 1</i> Methods	<i>Column 2</i> Waters
<p>The use of fishing lines (whether used with a fishing rod or otherwise) with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wire trace or line consisting of wire, or b. Any single hook larger than size 8/0 attached, or ganged or treble hooks larger than 6/0 attached, or c. A single bait or combination of baits exceeding 200 grams in total. 	<p>From the beach and including the whole of the waters extending 500m seaward from the shoreline of all beaches between the northern breakwater of the Hunter River at Stockton, to Big Gibber north of Hawks Nest.</p> <p>Definition: "Shoreline" Means the line where the shore meets the water at the relevant time.</p>

Explanatory Note: The object of this fishing closure is to reduce the risk of harming Great White Sharks by line fishing.

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