

# Fisheries Management (School Prawn Possession Limit) Order 2019

under the

*Fisheries Management Act 1994*

I, PETER TURNELL, Acting Deputy Director General Fisheries, with the delegated authority of the Minister and the Secretary in pursuance of sections 227 and 228 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (“the Act”), and in pursuance of section 17C of the Act, give notice of the following Order.

Dated this 10th day of May 2019

**PETER TURNELL,**  
Acting Deputy Director General Fisheries  
Department of Primary Industries  
(an office within the Department of Industry)

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## 1. Name of Order

This Order is the *Fisheries Management (School Prawn Possession Limit) Order 2019*.

## 2. Commencement and duration

This notification commences on the date it is published, and it will remain in force until 30 June 2019 (inclusive).

**Note:** This notification is required urgently, and it will be published on the website of the Department of Primary Industries.

## 3. Definitions

In this Order:

*Clarence River endorsement* has the same meaning as in clause 6 of the EPT Plan.

*endorsement holder* has the same meaning as in clause 2 of the EPT Plan.

*EPT Plan* means the Fisheries Management (Estuary Prawn Trawl Share Management Plan) Regulation 2006.

*possession limit* means the maximum quantity of fish that a person may have in the person's possession in any specified circumstances.

*School prawns* means fish of the species *Metapenaeus macleayi*.

*the Act* means the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

## 4. Possession limit

- (1) Pursuant to section 17C of the Act, a person must not have in their possession more than 180 School prawns per ½ kilogram of School prawns that were taken from the Clarence River, including Lake Wooloweyah.
- (2) Pursuant to section 17C of the Act, a Clarence River endorsement holder must not possess any prawns that have been graded unless all prawns that were caught in the net used to take fish were graded directly into water.

**Note:** The EPT Plan prescribes an endorsement condition that any prawns caught in the net must be graded immediately after the net is retrieved and the unwanted portion of the catch must be returned to the water, alive, as soon as practicable.