

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

FISH PROTECTION ORDINANCE 1964

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 11 of 1964

Section 24A of the Fish Protection Ordinance 1929-1949 prohibits fishing in the Jervis Bay Territory without the approval of the Minister by any means other than by a single line, a rod and line or by use of a net used in connection with a rod and line.

Spear fishing has now become a popular sport on Australian coastal waters and it is proposed to lift the restrictions on this method of fishing in the Jervis Bay Territory. The Fish Protection Ordinance 1964 will accordingly repeal section 24A and replace it with a provision permitting fishing in the Jervis Bay waters with a single line, a rod and line, a net used in connection with a rod and line or a spear or spear gun. However, spear fishing will not be permitted in the waters between St. George's Head and the Western end of Cave Beach. The use of this area will be restricted as it is commonly used by aboriginal fishermen.

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