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Hon Mike Rann MP **GPO Box 2343** Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Premier,

Approximately two years ago I met with you at a Public Consultation meeting and explained the need for protection of the Weedy Seadragon. You took my concerns onboard and stated there and then that you wanted to be known as "The Premier who saved the Weedy Seadragon."

Some time later legislation to protect all Sygnathids was enacted. This included the Weedy Seadragon. Thank you. Your title is safe.

Now I would like the opportunity to do two things; to present you with a copy of our 2008 calendar showing some of our wonderful South Australian marine life and to meet with you to get your support for the total protection of the Western Blue Groper and the Harlequin Fish.

We have written to the Fisheries Minister and the Environment Minister with our concerns regarding the low level of protection for these creatures but have had a disappointing response.

I feel encouraged by your previous intervention and am sure that if we have your support a much improved result for the conservation of these creatures will be obtained.

Yours sincerely

Philip Hall (President MLSSA)

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