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Dear Sir,

Emissions from Non-Road Spark Ignition Engines and Equipment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the options for reducing pollutant emissions from outboard engines, which was arranged with the RecFishSA Executive Officer, Mr Gary Flack.

RecfishSA is committed to the continued development and improvement of recreational fishing in South Australia. RecfishSA is the Peak Body representing SA Resident recreational fishers in South Australia, some 326,000 fishers, according to the 2007/08 Survey . Our members include many boat owners in South Australia.

Recreational fishers make up a considerable proportion of the South Australian community and boats and boating activities are of vital concern to recreational fishers. Approximately fifty per cent or all fishing is conducted from boats and industry figures indicate that the greater majority of boats are sold for the primary purpose of recreational fishing.

Recreational fishers seek at all times to be environmentally responsible and there are very valid arguments to improve emission regulations to ensure we operate in an environmentally sustainable manner and follow environmentally responsible practices.

RecFishSA is particularly keen to adopt low pollutant engines in freshwater impoundments and lakes, where access is provided, and also in the marine environment.

RecFishSA supports the proposal that emissions standards for marine engines should follow a recognised international standard.

In conclusion, RecfishSA believes there are community and environmental benefits in the proposal and welcome the adoption of lower emissions standards.

Yours sincerely

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