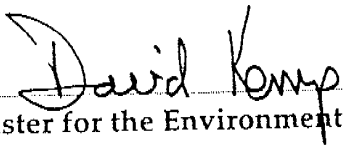


Commonwealth of Australia

Declaration under the
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Actions undertaken by the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies

I, **David Alistair Kemp**, under section 28(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, in the interest of Australia's defence and security, declare that actions, as deemed appropriate by the Commonwealth Government, undertaken outside the Australian jurisdiction in relation to the training, deployment and operation of members of the Australian Defence Force in the Persian Gulf region in support of any military action against Iraq, are actions to which section 28 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* does not apply.



Minister for the Environment and Heritage

Dated this 25 February day of February 2003