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Dear Paul,

**Re: Exotic Dwarf Mexican Crayfish being traded in Australia**

Thank you for your response dated the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017. We are enquiring as to how your investigation is progressing and why this danger to our primary industries, trade and environment has not been cleaned up using the provisions set down in law in the EPBC Act.

It is our understanding that all exotic freshwater crayfish were banned from import to Australia in the early 1950's as a response to the worldwide proliferation of crayfish plague. This ban was further enforced by the EPBC Act 1999.

This is a critical biosecurity issue requiring an emergency response, something that has been lacking to date. We advised the Australian Government on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 of this critical threat, it is unacceptable that the Australian Government has been incapable or unwilling to enforce Australian law to date.

Please advise how your investigation is progressing.

Yours sincerely

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