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Our ref.: 10_0209

Dear Mr Tuckwell,

Subject: Condition B4 – 50 Berth Marina and Associated Car Parking at 19 Brisbane Water Drive, Koolewong (10_0209)

I am writing in reference to the Koolewong Marina proposal which was granted project approval by the Planning Assessment Commission on 9 May 2012. As part of the approval, Condition B4 – *Invasive Algae Removal* requires the removal of all areas of *Caulerpa taxifolia*, as identified in the Aquatic Ecology Assessment prepared by Cardno Ecology Lab Pty Ltd, dated May 2011. The removal is required to be carried out in consultation with the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) (DPI), and to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority.

I understand you have recently consulted with Mr Ben Rampano – A/Strategy Leader, Aquatic Biosecurity Risk Management of the DPI in relation to this condition. The DPI advised that the *NSW Control Plan for the Noxious Marine Alga Caulerpa Taxifolia* (August 2009) does not support the control of *Caulerpa taxifolia* in areas where it is established and widespread given the susceptibility of reinfestation. Therefore, the DPI does not support the control works specified in Condition B4.

The department is satisfied that the appropriate consultation has occurred in accordance with Condition B4, and that *Caulerpa taxifolia* removal is not required.

Should you have any further enquiries in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brent Devine on (02) 9228 6328 or via email at brent.devine@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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