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Rita Hatem
The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Re: Forbes Solar Farm (SSD- 72383210) EIS

Dear Ms Hatem,

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD Fisheries) is responsible for ensuring that fish stocks are conserved and that there is “no net loss” of Key Fish Habitat upon which they depend. To achieve this, the Department ensures that developments comply with the *Fisheries Management Act 1994 (FMA 1994*; namely the aquatic habitat protection and threatened species conservation provisions in Parts 7 and 7A of the Act respectively) and the associated *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)*. In addition, DPIRD Fisheries is responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing within NSW.

DPIRD Fisheries has reviewed the Forbes Solar Farm Environmental Impact Assessment. There is no Key Fish Habitat (third order streams or larger) within the footprint of this development. DPIRD Fisheries therefore have no comments to provide.

Should you have any queries regarding this correspondence please contact me on 0429 908 856.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Ward".

David Ward
Fisheries Manager (Tamworth)