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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Lodged via NSW Major Projects Planning Portal

Attention: Nicholas Kumar

Re: SSD-72430958 – Finley Battery Energy Storage System - Request for advice on RTS

Dear Nicholas,

Thank you for referring the above proposal to DPIRD Fisheries. DPIRD Fisheries are responsible for ensuring that fish stocks are conserved and that there is “no net loss” of key fish habitats upon which they depend. To achieve this, the Department ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act 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)*.

NSW DPIRD Fisheries has reviewed the response to submissions report and, as there are no Key Fish Habitats within the project area, has no specific comments in relation to the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* considerations and raises no issues regarding the Project at this stage.

Please contact me via email at Alison.McLean@dpi.nsw.gov.au if you require any further information.

Sincerely



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