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The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Re: ***Ebor Battery Energy Storage System (SSD-85362210) Environmental Impact Statement***

DPIRD Fisheries is 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, DPIRD Fisheries 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 (2013)*. In addition, DPIRD Fisheries is responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves within NSW.

DPIRD Fisheries have reviewed the Ebor Battery Energy Storage System EIS and have noted that there is no development with or adjacent to Key Fish Habitat. DPIRD Fisheries therefore have no recommendations for this project.

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