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Via: Major Projects Portal

Ms Singh,

**Consultation for Bulli Seam Operations (South 32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal) – Appin Mine
Long Walls Extraction Plan – Post Approval SSD MP08_0150 (2011) – Campbelltown,
Wollondilly Shire and Wollongong LGAs**

Thank you for your referral of 01/11/2021 seeking comment on the proposal from DPI Fisheries, a division of NSW Department of Primary Industries on the proposed works stated above.

DPI 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, DPI Fisheries ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (FM Act) (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)*. DPI Fisheries is also responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves within NSW.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the proposal in light of these provisions and has no objections to the proposed works, and makes the following comments:

- Negligible environmental consequences to threatened species, threatened populations, or endangered ecological communities listed under Part 7A of the Fisheries Management Act (1994).
- Nepean River is expected to experience negligible environmental consequences. This includes negligible diversion of flows or changes in the natural drainage behaviour of pools, negligible gas releases and iron staining and negligible increase in water cloudiness (p.31, Biodiversity Management Plan, October 2021).
- Other watercourses are expected to experience no greater subsidence impact or environmental consequences than approved in the Bulli Seam Operations original environmental assessment (2009).

If you require any further information, please contact me on (02) 4222 8311 or josi.hollywood@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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