

Our Ref: FE17/18#4

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Gavin Ho

Via MP Portal

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Dear Gavin,

Proposal: Alterations and additions to St Philip's Christian College Cessnock campus

Thank you for your referral of 15 February 2022 seeking comments on the proposal from the NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries (DPI Fisheries).

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 based on those provisions and has no objections to the proposal.

The proposal does not include any dredging, reclamation, harm to marine vegetation, or blockage of fish passage. Therefore, DPI Fisheries does not need to issue any advice on the proposal.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4916 3931.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Carter

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Authorised delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries