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RE: Valley of the Winds Wind Farm Project (SSD-10461) – Recommended Conditions

Thank you for providing DPI Fisheries with the opportunity to comment on draft conditions of consent for this wind farm development. The following draft conditions aim to ensure that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* and the associated *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)*.

Watercourse Crossings The construction of all watercourse crossings or services through *Key Fish Habitat* should be in accordance with DPI document *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)*.

Riparian Buffer Zones

DPI Fisheries policy advocates the use of terrestrial riparian buffer zones adjacent to areas of *Key Fish Habitat* as per the *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)* available on the Department's website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/publications/pubs/fish-habitat-conservation in order to maintain the riparian buffer zone and limit disturbance and susceptibility to bed or bank erosion. These **Riparian Buffer Zones** are to be established and maintained as per Figure 65 *Key Fish Habitat*.

Should you require further clarification, please contact David Ward (Fisheries Manager) on 6763 1255 or 0429 908 856.