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Re: SSI-94714-Mod5 – Port Kembla Gas Terminal Modification 5 – Offshore dumping of dredged material

Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your application dated 16 September 2022 seeking DPI Fisheries comment on the above major project modification associated with Port Kembla Gas Terminal Project.

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 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 in NSW.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the proposal in light of the provisions above and has no objections to this proposed amendment, including the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures. We have noted the site for sea dumping is in Federal waters, and therefore outside of the jurisdiction of DPI Fisheries. Assessment of the disposal of spoil at the identified disposal site, and associated approvals for this lie with the Federal government. DPI Fisheries has noted that the identified sea dumping disposal site has been established and used previously.

If you any further information, please contact me on 4222 8342 or carla.ganassin@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

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