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The Department of Planning and Environment

**RE: Winterbourne Wind Farm Project (SSD-10471) – 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 or upgrade of permanent or temporary access tracks, cabling, transmission line construction, roads and services upgrades across *Key Fish Habitat* should be in accordance with DPI Fisheries Guideline document: *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)*. This is to ensure that the works are designed and constructed in accordance with best management practice to ensure fish passage and with minimal impact on the aquatic environment.

**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](http://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.

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