

Our ref C22/764; Your ref SSD-13166280

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Re: Response to submissions - Blind Creek Solar Farm, Queanbeyan Palerang LGA (SSD-13166280)

Dear Mr Wathen,

Thank you for your application dated 18 November 2022 seeking DPI Fisheries comment on the Response to Submissions stage of the proposal 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 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.

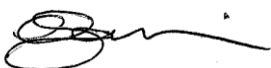
DPI Fisheries has reviewed the Response to Submissions report, amendment report and Updated Project Description Report and are satisfied with the information provided and the proposed mitigation measures.

DPI Fisheries recommends that following mitigations measures is included in the Conditions of Approval for this project:

- That DPI Fisheries is provided with detailed plans of waterway crossings over key fish habitat for endorsement prior to construction. The top of the base of any culverts constructed across these waterways is to be embedded at least 150mm into the base of the waterway.

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

Sincerely



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