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**DPE Planning**  
**Lodged via NSW Major Projects Planning Portal**

**Attn: Megan Ramsdale**

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Re: SSD-61842974 – Request for Advice on SEARs – Hume North Battery Storage System

Dear Megan,

Thank you for referring the above proposal to DPI Fisheries. DPI Fisheries are 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, the Department ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (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 (Update 2013)*.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the Draft SEARs and Scoping report and provides the following advice:

- The site does not contain any waterways or Key Fish Habitat and therefore DPI Fisheries provides nil comment and does not require further consultation.

Please contact me on 0484 907 343 or [Alison.McLean@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Alison.McLean@dpi.nsw.gov.au) if you require any further information.

Sincerely



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