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The Department of Planning & Environment

Re: ***Burrendong Wind Farm (SSD-8950984) Environmental Impact Statement***

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 *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 (2013)*. In addition, DPI Fisheries is responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves within NSW.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the environmental impact statement and provide the following recommendations for conditions of consent:

Watercourse Crossings

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

Riparian Buffer Zone

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.

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