

Department of Planning and Environment  
Attn: Cameron Ashe  
Via Major Projects Portal

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Re: Gundry Solar Farm (SSD-48225958; PAE-77853248) (Goulburn Mulwaree)– Advice on EIS

Dear Cameron,

NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) - 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, DPIRD Fisheries ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (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)* (the Policy). DPIRD Fisheries is also responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves in NSW. DPIRD Fisheries has reviewed the Response to Submissions and Amendmended documents for this proposal and provides the following advice:

#### **Fish Passage**

The conceptual layout shows three crossings of key fish habitat, all of which are described as Type 3 Class 3 waterways. Appendix 3 – Updated Mitigation Measures\_Final states that All waterway crossings will be designed and constructed in compliance with DPI Water Guidelines. DPIRD Fisheries request that the design and construction of all waterway crossings over key fish habitat consider the document ‘*Why do Fish Need to Cross the Road?*’ as well, to ensure no new fish passage barriers are constructed in NSW.

Crossing designs should be provided to DPIRD Fisheries for review at both the concept and detailed design phase to ensure they are consistent with the Policy.

#### **Riparian Buffer Zones**

DPIRD Fisheries considers the proposed riparian buffers to be suitable and recommends that riparian buffers be revegetated with suitable native plant species.

If you require any further information, please contact me on 0456 660 757 or [emily.messer@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emily.messer@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Messer', written in a cursive style.

**Emily Messer**

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