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Department of Planning and Environment
Lodged via NSW Major Projects Planning Portal

Attention: Megan Ramsdale

Re: SSD 68815961 – Jindera BESS - Request for advice on EIS

Dear Megan,

Thank you for referring the above proposal to DPIRD Fisheries. DPIRD 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)*.

The EIS and associated technical documents have been reviewed. DPIRD Fisheries provides the following advice regarding aquatic habitat and Key Fish Habitat (KFH) protection, specifically in relation to Kilnacraft Creek:

- DPIRD Fisheries notes that impacts to Kilnacraft Creek will be mitigated through the use of underboring for the water pipeline installation.
- Riparian buffers will be maintained around Kilnacraft Creek throughout construction and operation.
- It is recommended that the proponent consult with DPIRD Fisheries regarding the retention and stockpiling of felled trees from the development footprint. These trees may be repurposed as large woody debris to enhance aquatic habitat quality within Key Fish Habitats in the region.

Please contact me on 0484 907 343 or Alison.McLean@dpiird.nsw.gov.au if you require any further information.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alison McLean', written in a cursive style.

Alison McLean

Fisheries Manager - Murray Darling

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