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

Attention: Tatsiana Bandaruk

Re: SSD-30448824 – Junction Rivers Wind Farm (formerly Burrawong Wind Farm) - Request for advice on EIS

Dear Tatsiana,

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 EIS and concurs that water quality impacts are most likely to be during the construction and decommissioning periods when soils are subject to disturbance. It is noted that there are no proposed works within 600 metres of Condoulpe Lake, The Forest Creek and associated areas of Key Fish Habitat. It is also noted that fish passage requirements for waterway crossings will be addressed in the detailed design phase with reference to the relevant policies and guidelines.

Recommended Conditions

- Waterway crossings should be designed and constructed in accordance with DPI Fisheries Policy & Guideline document: *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)*.
- Riparian buffer zones should be established adjacent to areas of Key Fish Habitat in accordance with DPI Fisheries Policy & Guideline document: *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013)*.

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

Sincerely

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

Alison McLean

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