



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Julia,

RE: Request for input into SEARs – Mallee Wind Farm

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)*.

The scoping report and draft SEARs have been reviewed and as there is no Key Fish Habitat (KFH) within the study area, DPI Fisheries has no comment on the proposal.

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