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Mr Daniel Cavallo A/Director – Government Land and Social Projects NSW Planning GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Cavallo,

Comment on Exhibited Environmental Assessment for Barangaroo Headland Park – Main Works (MP10\_0048)

Thank you for your letter dated 8 November 2010 requesting Industry & Investment (I&I) NSW comment on the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed main works at Barangaroo Headland Park. This response includes comments from a fisheries perspective. There are no agriculture or minerals concerns with this proposal.

Considering the provisions under the Fisheries Management Act and the Policy and Guidelines Aquatic Habitat Management and Fish Conservation 1999, the Department has no objections to these works as proposed provided that the "Acid Sulphate Soil", and 'Hydrology and Water Management' measures within the draft Statement of Commitments are implemented in full and included in any approval of these works. To minimise potential turbidity impacts, sediment curtains are to be used adjacent to waterway worksites. Rock ballast material to be used in lining the Northern Cove and at subtidal locations is to be preferably igneous in nature. This is to increase the longevity of this ballast in aquatic environments. The implementation of these measures should mitigate potential impacts on the aquatic environment from this proposal.

The Department requests that shore-based recreational fishing is a permitted activity within this public foreshore reserve.

I&I NSW recommends the seawall structures are constructed as proposed. The Department commends the inclusion of a naturalistic rocky foreshore and rock pools in this proposal. It should increase the biodiversity value of seawalls at this site. It also provides an on the ground example of an environmentally friendly seawall that hopefully can act as an incentive for the installation of this design of seawall at other locations across Sydney.

For any further information please contact Carla Ganassin on (02) 9527 8552 or carla.ganassin@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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