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Dear Mr Davies

**MOD 1 – Yarrabee Battery Storage and Transport Route (SSD-9237-Mod-1)  
(Narrandera Shire)**

I refer to the above matter that was distributed to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) for comment on 3 December 2019.

DPI has reviewed the project proposal and has the following comments and advice.

DPI 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, DPI 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 Aquatic Habitat Management and Fish Conservation (1999). In addition, DPI Fisheries is responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture and marine protected areas within NSW.

The proposal has potential impacts on 'Key Fish Habitat' including road networks and waterway crossing, both temporary and permanent. The design and construction of any watercourse crossings on the site should be undertaken in accordance with DPIs Policy and Guidelines for:

- Fish Friendly Waterway Crossings (2004):  
[https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/634697/Fish-friendly-waterway-crossings\\_Policy-and-guidelines\\_FN-1181.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/634697/Fish-friendly-waterway-crossings_Policy-and-guidelines_FN-1181.pdf)
- Why Do Fish Need to Cross the Road? Fish Passage Requirements for Waterway Crossings (2004): [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/633505/Why-do-fish-need-to-cross-the-road\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/633505/Why-do-fish-need-to-cross-the-road_booklet.pdf)

An assessment is needed of the impacts of the project on riparian vegetation and a strategy for the management of riparian vegetation consistent with NSW DPI Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management

[https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/634694/Policy-and-guidelines-for-fish-habitat.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/634694/Policy-and-guidelines-for-fish-habitat.pdf)



For more information on please contact Luke Pearce on (02) 6051 7768.

Yours sincerely

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