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Dear Mr Hartcher

Walsh Bay Arts and Cultural Precinct (SSD 8671) Request for Input into Secretary's Environment Assessment Requirements

I refer to your email of 8 August 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has reviewed the SEARs application and draft SEARS and provides the following comments for the proponent's consideration in preparation of the EIS for the proposal.

Recommendations

- The proponent should specifically address any reductions in water quality during the construction and operational phases of the development; and any direct shading impacts to marine vegetation of the proposed development in the EIS.
- The EIS should include a description of the historical and current public use of this area and its various facilities for recreational fishing.
- The proponent should outline in the EIS how the public access will be maintained for recreational fishing opportunities in and around the Walsh Bay area (including but not limited to Piers 2&3 and Piers 4&5) during and after the planned construction period.
- The proponent should outline in the EIS how it proposes to maintain and/or enhance public access for recreational fishing as a result of the planned development. The proponent should outline how 'no net loss' is to be achieved in recreational fishing opportunities, including, any enhancement of existing facilities and any offsets in the form of purpose designed facilities that are proposed.
- The proponent should also outline the proposed stakeholder engagement plan for recreational fishing sector in the EIS. DPI acknowledges the commitment by the proponent to engage in consultation with DPI Fisheries and relevant recreational fishing organisations in relation to the proposed development.

For further information concerning recreational fishing matters, please contact Jim Harnwell on jim.harnwell@dpi.nsw.gov.au or 4424 7407.

Yours sincerely



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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>