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Our ref: 20WOL-16700

Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd

Site Address: Level 2, 22 Bridge Road Glebe, NSW 2037

Attention: Anthony Toomeh Anthony.Toomeh@multiplex.global

Dear Anthony,

RE: New Sydney Fish Markets Ecology Assessment – Sub-basement rock placement

This letter confirms the proposed rock placement beneath the basement is acceptable from a marine ecology perspective and is comparable with what has been previously assessed in the approved Development Application (DA).

The Marine Ecology Assessment approved under the DA states that the entire area beneath the basement is 'Key Fish Habitat Type 3' and will be completely lost due to absolute shading by the basement. The crushed rock would also be 'Key Fish Habitat Type 3' of similar value. So, anything beneath the basement is regarded (and approved) as lost habitat.

In relation to an early DA modification (sediment redistribution), the Environmental, Energy and Science (ESS) group provided an evaluation of the marine ecology in the same area (ESS letter ref DOC21/367964), noting that:

- The existing habitat or biota would not be significantly impacted because the site is so depauperate
- Ecological impacts remain the same regarding lost habitat opportunities because of increased hard substrate
- Methods to minimise escape of sediment are adequate.

Please contact me on the number above should you have any questions.

Regards,



Ian Dixon
Senior Aquatic Ecologist