

Northern Beaches Council  
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Re: DA2025/1432, CNR – 87898- Installation of a new mesh jetty, ramp, pontoon and berthing area – 1-3 Douglas Estate, McCarrs Creek, Church Point – McCarrs Creek – Lot 2&3 DP 882504

Dear Northern Beaches Council,

Thank you for your referral of this integrated development application dated 14 October 2025 to DPIRD Fisheries, a division of NSW Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development.

DPIRD Fisheries 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, DPIRD Fisheries ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act* (FM Act) (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 (2013)*. DPIRD Fisheries is also responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves in NSW.

DPIRD Fisheries has reviewed the proposal in light of those provisions and has no objections, subject to the proponent meeting the impact mitigation measures in the Aquatic Ecology Assessment (Dated: 20 September 2024, Author: Marine Pollution Research Pty Ltd) and the General Terms of Approval (GTAs) that follow. As per s.4.47(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, any consent issued by Council must be consistent with these GTAs.

1. The proponent must apply for and obtain a Part 7 permit for dredging and reclamation under the FM Act from DPI Fisheries prior to any works on site. Permit application forms are available from the DPI Fisheries website at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/help/permit>.
2. Environmental safeguards (silt curtains, booms etc.) are to be used during construction to ensure that there is no escape of turbid plumes into the aquatic environment. Turbid plumes have the potential to smother aquatic vegetation and have a deleterious effect on benthic organisms.

Based on the information provided, this proposal is not considered to include any harm to marine vegetation, or blockage of fish passage. If there are any changes to the extent of environmental impacts, the proponent should discuss these impacts with DPIRD Fisheries.

For any further information, please contact me at [karthika.krishnapillai@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:karthika.krishnapillai@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karthika". The script is cursive and fluid.

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DPIRD Fisheries