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Dear Greg,

**Proposal:** Refurbishment and raising elevation of existing waterfront structures  
**Property:** 23 Robertson Rd, Scotland Island (Lot 140, DP 12749) – Pittwater

Thank you for your referral of 27/2/2018 seeking comment on the proposal from DPI Fisheries, a division of NSW Department of Primary Industries.

DPI 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, DPI Fisheries 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 Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (2013)*. In addition, DPI Fisheries is responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal cultural fishing, aquaculture, marine parks and aquatic reserves within NSW.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the proposal in light of those provisions and has no objections, provided that control measures are implemented to avoid impacts to nearby endangered *Posidonia* seagrass.

This letter and attached plan (date stamped 21/3/2018) may be forwarded to the Crown Lands Division of DPI for their consideration in assessing your application for land owner's consent. DPI Fisheries will consider final consent status for the proposal when Northern Beaches Council sends us the Integrated Development Application, noting that the works will require a Section 205 permit to harm marine vegetation. This permit will outline control measures to minimise the impacts to seagrasses during construction and operation of the asset. Minor impacts may occur to *Zostera* seagrass as a result of replacing piles. However, the permit will not allow for any harm to *Posidonia* seagrass. The *Posidonia australis* seagrass on site forms part of the endangered population within Pittwater. Permit application forms are available from the DPI Fisheries website at: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/help/permit>.

This advice operates from the date shown on the top of this notice and will lapse unless this advice is received by Crown Lands within 12 months from the date endorsed on this advice. Should this advice lapse, the applicant will be required to resubmit the proposal, accompanied by payment of the appropriate fees and updated aquatic habitat surveys and related information as advised by the relevant officer of DPI Fisheries.

If you, Crown Lands or Northern Beaches Council require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8437 4981.

Yours sincerely,



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