Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



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Re: LOC for berthing area (9 \times 5 m) with installation of four new piles. BIC for ramp over stone with mesh decking (6.9 \times 2.1 m), mesh jetty, steps, landing and deck – 187 Riverview Road, Avalon Beach 2106 – Lot B / DP 381427 - Pittwater

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your application dated 4 August 2023 seeking DPIRD Fisheries pre-Land Owner's Consent comment on the proposal above.

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 1994* (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.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the proposal for the construction of a berthing area (9 x 5 m) by installing 4 piles, in light of these provisions, and has no objections provided all construction works are done by driving directly to minimise potential disturbance to the seabed. DPI Fisheries will consider final consent status for the proposal when Northern Beaches Council sends us the Integrated Development Application, noting that the works \underline{may} require a 205 permit to harm marine vegetation. Permits outline control measures to minimise the impacts from construction and operation of the asset. Permit application forms are available from the DPI Fisheries website at: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/protecting-habitats/toolkit

With regards to the existing structures please be aware that DPIRD Fisheries does not generally support the retrospective approval or issuance of Development Consent for waterfront structures built without consent, as consistent with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

In this instance, DPIRD Fisheries has reviewed the unauthorised structures and has no objections to the lodgement of a land owner's consent application.

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. Should this advice lapse, and/or the proposal be modified, 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 DPIRD Fisheries.

If you, Crown Lands or Council require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on karthika.krishnapillai @dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

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