



Our Ref: MEAA19/311
Your Ref: DA 16-2019-636-1

Port Stephens Council
Attn: Ryan Falkenmire
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RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324

Dear Mr Falkenmire,

Section 56 consultation for extractive industry – sand extraction

Thank you for your referral of 2019 relating to DA 16-2019-636-1 seeking comment on the proposal from DPI Fisheries, a division of NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) on the proposed extractive industry stated above.

The responsibility of DPI in relation to marine parks is to ensure that marine biological diversity and marine habitats are conserved and ecological processes are maintained. To achieve this, the Department ensures that development activities comply with, or are consistent with, the requirements of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*, *Marine Estate Management Regulation 2017* and *Marine Estate Management (Management Rules) Regulation 1999*. DPI Fisheries is also responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of aquatic habitats, commercial, recreational, Aboriginal cultural fishing and aquaculture within NSW.

DPI Fisheries has reviewed the proposal in light of those provisions and has no objections to the proposed works.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our office on (02) 4916 3670.

Yours sincerely,

Approved via CM9

Luke Erskine
Manager
Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park

11 December 2019