



Department of Primary Industries

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The General Manager
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
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Via email: patrickg@pmhc.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Patrick Galbraith-Robertson

Dear Mr Galbraith-Robertson

**Re: Development Application No. DA 2021-175 – CNR-19619
Port Macquarie Airport. 99 Boundary Street, Port Macquarie**

Thank you for your referral of the above application made via the Planning Portal on 18 March 2021 requesting that DPI Fisheries, a division within the Department of Primary Industries, provide general terms of approval on the subject development application.

Receipt of the prescribed \$320 fee under cl253 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation) is acknowledged.

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, the Coastal Systems Unit assesses activities under Part 4 and 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in accordance with the objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (FM Act), the aquatic habitat protection and threatened species conservation provisions in Parts 7 and 7A of the FM Act, and the *Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (2013 Update)*. In addition, DPI Fisheries is responsible for ensuring the sustainable management of commercial fishing and aquaculture, quality recreational fishing and the continuation of Aboriginal cultural fishing within NSW.

It is understood that the proposal will include dredging and reclamation works, and potential blockage of fish passage within areas of mapped coastal wetland consisting of:

- The staged construction of a Code C parallel taxiway with run-up bays and pavement rehabilitation;
- The relocation of the Aerodrome Weather Information Service (AWIS); and
- Vegetation clearing and cropping for the Run-Way Strip (RWS) and Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS), including the construction of a new access track network consisting of 2 by 3x225mm and 3 by 2x225mm pipe culvert structures.

Contingent upon adherence to the following conditions, DPI Fisheries has no objection to the proposed works:

General Terms of Approval

- The inverts of the pipe culverts to be installed as part of the proposed access track network must be set at an elevation that maintains hydrological connectivity between either side of the wetland. The inverts of the pipe culverts must not be perched above the level of the adjacent wetland.
Reason – To maintain critical hydrologic connectivity between the divided Coastal Wetland and to maintain fish passage.
- A permit under s198-202 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* for dredge and reclamation is to be obtained prior to commencement of the works associated with the airport upgrade works.
- Works are carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of The Blue Book (Landcom 2004, *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* [4th Edition]).
Reason – To ensure that sediment generated by the exposure of soil is not transported into the main water body.

If you or the proponent wish to discuss these General Terms of Approval, please contact Annette Comerford, Fisheries Manager, Coastal Systems (North Coast) on 0418 211 843 or annette.comerford@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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