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NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development | Fisheries
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To Fisheries,

RE: Footbridge Replacement in Brimbin Nature Reserve – Section 199 Statutory Notification to Carry out Dredging and/or Reclamation Works

On behalf of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), I write to notify the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) of NPWS's intention to carry out dredging and/or reclamation works to replace a failed footbridge in Brimbin Nature Reserve. The existing footbridge has collapsed and poses a risk to NPWS staff and the community. Replacing the footbridge will significantly improve the ability of NPWS to carry out reserve management operations, and will contribute to the Objects of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* which are to foster public appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of nature and cultural heritage of the reserve.

The footbridge forms part of the Dawson River walking track within Brimbin Nature Reserve and is situated over an unmapped, unnamed tidal channel; however, is mapped as key fish habitat due to its proximity to the Dawson River.

The proposed activity is to remove the existing structure and replace it with a new footbridge fixed to a Surefoot system. The works will involve removing the existing footing from within the water land of the channel, and placing the new footings within the riparian zones of water land.

Pursuant to section 199 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, this letter serves as notification to DPIRD for the intention to carry out dredging and reclamation works on water land.

For the purposes of these works, NPWS is the proponent while the Environment and Heritage group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is the determining authority for the proposed activity under Part 5 Division 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The proposed activity is permissible as development without consent pursuant to Part 2.3, Division 12, Section 2.73(1) of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*.

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been drafted which takes into account to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of that activity. The draft REF, and a supporting Ecological Assessment, are provided as supporting documents to this notification.



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Should DPIRD wish to make comment regarding the proposed activity, please do so in writing via the email address provided below within 21 days from the date of this letter. Any comments raised will be taken into consideration in the REF being prepared for the works.

Yours sincerely,

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