

## Karu Wijayasinghe

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 April 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** Council Main Email Account  
**Subject:** Planning Proposal: 120-188 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon

ATTN: KARU WIJAYASINGHE

Dear Mr Wijayasinghe,

**RE: Notification of planning proposal to rezone Lot 1 DP 700263, Lot 2 DP 700263, Lot C DP 160847, Lot 2 DP 629053 and Lot 3 D 700263, 120-188 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon to B& Business Park - Consultation under Section 52(d) of the EP&A Act 1979.**

Thank you for referring the above planning proposal to Fisheries NSW for comment.

Fisheries NSW 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, Fisheries NSW ensures that developments comply with the requirements of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (namely the aquatic habitat protection and threatened species conservation provisions in Part 7 and 7A of the Act, respectively), and the associated *Policy and Guidelines for Aquatic Habitat Management and Fish Conservation (1999)*.

The project above adjoins Rickaby's Creek which is considered to be key fish habitat. Fisheries NSW notes that the width of riparian buffer zones has not been specified on this planning proposal. The Department recommends that adjacent to Rickaby's a riparian buffer zone width of 40-50 m is maintained. To improve the ecological function of this area, it is recommended that the riparian buffer zone is revegetated. Consideration should be given to protecting this zone by fencing it off from potential trampling by stock.

Please accept this email as a response on this matter. Note, a hard copy of this will not be posted to you.

Please call if you have any queries concerning this response.

Regards,

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