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Dear Ms Carruthers

Re: Bayside West (Arncliffe, Banksia and Cooks Cove) – Draft land Use and Infrastructure Strategy

Thank you for your referral of 1 December 2016 seeking comments from the Department of Primary Industries on the Bayside West (Arncliffe, Banksia and Cooks Cove) - Draft land Use and Infrastructure Strategy (hereafter the Strategy). This response incorporates comments on the Strategy from DPI Water.

DPI Water through the *Water Management Act 2000* is responsible for the protection of riparian vegetation along waterfront land. The Act defines waterfront land as the bed of any river, lake or estuary and any land within 40 m of the riverbanks, lake shore or estuary mean high water mark.

DPI Water notes that the any redevelopment along the shores of the Cooks River and Muddy Creek needs to be consistent with the DPI Water Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (2012) (Guidelines) and the NSW State Rivers and Estuaries Policy. A 40 m wide vegetated riparian zone (measured from top of the highest bank) should be established along these watercourses in accordance with the Guidelines.

DPI Water has concerns with measure P2 at page 32, "*A direct foreshore bicycle/pedestrian path along the Cooks River*" as well as Figure 22 on page 40. A bicycle path that is directly on the foreshore of the river as depicted would be contrary to the Riparian Corridor Guidelines.

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Yours sincerely

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