

Notice of decision

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	State significant development
Application number and project name	SSD-10330 Roberts Road Data Centre
Applicant	Canberra Data Centres Pty Ltd
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Executive Director, Regions, Industry and Key Sites under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under section 4.38 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) granted consent to the development application subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the development consent and conditions is available [here](#).

A copy of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (**the Department's**) Assessment Report is available [here](#).

Date of decision

14 July 2020

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's Assessment Report;
- the prescribed matters under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- the objects of the Act;
- [the considerations under s 7.14(2) and 7.16(3) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW)];
- all information submitted to the Department during the assessment of the development application;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report; and
- the views of the community about the development (see Attachment 1).

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The key reasons for granting consent to the development application are as follows:

- the development would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including a capital investment of approximately \$291 million and the generation of 448 construction jobs and up to 10 knowledge-intensive operational jobs in the Blacktown local government area;
- the development is consistent with NSW Government policies including the *Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities* and the *Central City District Plan*;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards;
- the issues raised by Blacktown City Council and the relevant public authorities during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through changes to the development and the recommended conditions of consent;
- no issues were raised by the community during consultation and in submissions; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the development is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) exhibited the Development Application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement for the development from 11 December 2019 until 31 January 2020 (52 days), and received comments from Blacktown City Council (Council), the Environment Protection Authority, the Department's Environment, Energy and Science Group, Transport for NSW, Sydney Water and Fire and Rescue NSW. Submissions were also received from TransGrid and Endeavour Energy.

The issues raised by Council, the relevant public authorities and the electricity providers are addressed in detail in the Department's Assessment Report.

No public submissions were received during the exhibition period, therefore there were no issues raised by the community. There were no other community views that needed to be taken into consideration in making this decision.