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## Development details

<b>Application number</b>	SSD-30530183
<b>Project name</b>	DCI Poplars Data Centre Project
<b>Location</b>	300 Lanyon Drive, Jerrabomberra (Part Lot 1 in DP 1263364) in the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA
<b>Applicant</b>	NineZero DC Sub TC I Pty Ltd, trading as DCI Data Centers
<b>Date of issue</b>	29/10/2021

## Content and guidance

Any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must meet the minimum form and content requirements as prescribed by Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation) and the *State Significant Development Guidelines*.

Relevant policies and guidelines can be found at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/policies-and-guidelines>.

## Key issues and documentation

Issue and Assessment Requirements	Documentation
<b>1. Statutory Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Address all relevant legislation, environmental planning instruments (EPIs) (including drafts), plans, policies and guidelines.</li><li>Identify compliance with applicable development standards and provide a detailed justification for any non-compliances.</li><li>If the development is only partly State significant development (SSD) declared under clause 8(1) of the State and Regional Development SEPP, provide an explanation of how the remainder of the development is sufficiently related to the component that is SSD.</li><li>Address the requirements of any approvals applying to the site, including any concept approval or recommendation from any Gateway determination.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Address in EIS</li></ul>
<b>2. Capital Investment Value and Employment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a detailed calculation of the capital investment value (CIV) of the development, prepared by a qualified quantity surveyor.</li><li>Provide an estimate of total power consumption and the retained and new jobs that would be created during the construction and operational phases of</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cost Summary Report</li></ul>

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<p>the development, including details of the methodology to determine the figures provided.</p>	
<p><b>3. Design Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate how the development will achieve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>design excellence in accordance with any applicable EPI provisions.</li> <li>good design in accordance with the seven objectives for good design in <i>Better Placed</i>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Where required by an EPI or concept approval, demonstrate how the development has been subject to a competitive design process or reviewed by the State Design Review Panel (SDRP). Recommendations are to be addressed prior to lodgement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address in EIS</li> </ul> <p>If required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design Review Report (where the project has been reviewed by the SDRP)</li> <li>Design Excellence Strategy (where design excellence is required by an EPI)</li> <li>Competition Report (where a competitive design process has been held)</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Built Form and Urban Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain and illustrate the proposed built form, including a detailed site and context analysis to justify the proposed site planning and design approach.</li> <li>Demonstrate how the proposed built form (layout, height, bulk, scale, separation, setbacks, interface and articulation) addresses and responds to the context, site characteristics, streetscape and existing and future character of the locality.</li> <li>Demonstrate how the building design will deliver a high-quality development, including consideration of façade design, articulation, materials, finishes, colours, any signage and integration of services.</li> <li>Assess how the development complies with the relevant accessibility requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Architectural drawings</li> <li>Design Report</li> <li>Survey Plan</li> <li>Building Code of Australia Compliance Report</li> <li>Accessibility Report</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Visual Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a visual analysis of the development from key viewpoints, including photomontages or perspectives showing the proposed and likely future development.</li> <li>Where the visual analysis has identified potential for significant visual impact, provide a visual impact assessment that addresses the impacts of the development on the existing catchment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual Analysis</li> <li>Visual Impact Assessment</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Traffic, Transport and Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a transport and accessibility impact assessment, which includes:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ details of all traffic types and volumes likely to be generated during construction and operation, including a description of key access and haul routes.</li> <li>○ an assessment of the predicted impacts of this traffic on road safety and the capacity of the road network, including consideration of cumulative traffic impacts at key intersections (using industry standard modelling).</li> <li>○ plans demonstrating how all vehicles likely to be generated during construction and operation and awaiting loading, unloading or servicing can be accommodated on the site to avoid queuing in the street network.</li> <li>○ details and plans of any proposed internal road network, loading dock provision and servicing, on-site parking provisions, and sufficient pedestrian and cyclist facilities, in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.</li> <li>○ swept path analysis for the largest vehicle requiring access to the development.</li> <li>○ details of road upgrades, infrastructure works, or new roads or access points required for the development if necessary.</li> <li>● Provide a Construction Traffic Management Plan detailing predicted construction vehicle movements, routes, access and parking arrangements, coordination with other construction occurring in the area, and how impacts on existing traffic, pedestrian and bicycle networks would be managed and mitigated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Construction Traffic Management Plan</li> <li>● Green Travel Plan or equivalent</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Trees and Landscaping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a detailed site-wide landscape plan, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ identifies the number and location of trees to be removed and retained, and how opportunities to retain significant trees have been explored and/or informs the plan.</li> <li>○ details the proposed site planting, including location, number and species of plantings, heights of trees at maturity and proposed canopy coverage.</li> <li>○ demonstrates how the proposed development would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ contribute to long term landscape setting in respect of the site and streetscape.</li> <li>▪ mitigate the urban heat island effect and ensure appropriate comfort levels on-site.</li> <li>▪ contribute to the objective of increased urban tree canopy cover.</li> <li>▪ maximise opportunities for green infrastructure, consistent with <i>Greener Places</i>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Landscape Plan</li> </ul>

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<p><b>8. Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify how ESD principles (as defined in clause 7(4) of Schedule 2 of the EP&amp;A Regulation) are incorporated in the design and ongoing operation of the development.</li><li>Demonstrate how the development will meet or exceed the relevant industry recognised building sustainability and environmental performance standards.</li><li>Demonstrate how the development minimises greenhouse gas emissions (reflecting the Government's goal of net zero emissions by 2050) and consumption of energy, water (including water sensitive urban design) and material resources.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ESD Report</li></ul>
<p><b>9. Biodiversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess any biodiversity impacts associated with the development in accordance with the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> and the <i>Biodiversity Assessment Method 2020</i>, including the preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR), unless a waiver is granted, or the site is on biodiversity certified land.</li><li>If the development is on biodiversity certified land, provide information to identify the site (using associated mapping) and demonstrate the proposed development is consistent with the relevant biodiversity measure conferred by the biodiversity certification.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Biodiversity Development Assessment Report or BDAR Waiver</li></ul>
<p><b>10. Back-up Power System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a detailed overview of any proposed back-up power system, including the scale and capacity of the system, and any associated testing procedures (frequency and duration).</li><li>Provide a detailed justification for the proposed back-up power system, including alternatives considered.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Address in EIS</li></ul>
<p><b>11. Air Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide an assessment of air quality impacts, prepared in accordance with the relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. The assessment must address construction works and include modelling of emissions and air pollutants from predicted operations (including testing of the back-up power system) and a peak emission and air pollutant scenario, and outline the proposed mitigation, management and monitoring measures that would be implemented.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Air Quality Impact Assessment</li></ul>
<p><b>12. Noise and Vibration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a noise and vibration assessment prepared in accordance with the relevant EPA guidelines and Australian/International Standards. The assessment must detail construction and operational noise and vibration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment</li></ul>

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impacts (including testing of any back-up power system) on nearby sensitive receivers and structures, and outline the proposed mitigation, management and monitoring measures that would be implemented.

### 13. Ground and Water Conditions

- Provide an assessment of the potential impacts on soil resources, including related infrastructure and riparian lands on and near the site.
- Provide an assessment of the potential impacts on surface and groundwater resources (quality and quantity), including related infrastructure, hydrology, aquatic and groundwater dependent ecosystems, drainage lines, downstream assets and watercourses.
- Identify predicted water discharge points to surface/groundwater and consider discharge quality against relevant water quality criteria.
- Provide a detailed site water balance including identification of water requirements for the life of the development, and measures to ensure an adequate and secure water supply.
- Provide an assessment of salinity and acid sulfate soil impacts.

- Geotechnical Assessment
- Surface and Groundwater Impact Assessment
- Salinity Management Plan and/or Acid Sulfate Soils Management Plan

### 14. Stormwater and Wastewater

- Provide an Integrated Water Management Plan for the development that:
  - is prepared in consultation with the local council and any other relevant drainage or water authority.
  - details the proposed drainage design for the site including any on-site detention facilities, water quality management measures and the nominated discharge points, on-site sewage management, and measures to treat, reuse or dispose of water.
  - demonstrates compliance with the local council or other drainage or water authority requirements and avoids adverse impacts on any downstream properties.
- Where drainage infrastructure works are required that would be handed over to the local council, or other drainage or water authority, provide full hydraulic details and detailed plans and specification of proposed works that have been prepared in consultation with, and comply with the relevant standards of, the local council or other drainage or water authority.

- Integrated Water Management Plan

### 15. Flooding Risk

- Identify any flood risk on-site having regard to adopted flood studies, the potential effects of climate change, and any relevant provisions of the *NSW Floodplain Development Manual*.
- Assess the impacts of the development, including any changes to flood risk on-site or off-site, and detail design solutions and operational procedures to

- Flood Risk Assessment

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mitigate flood risk where required.

### 16. Hazards and Risks

- Where there are dangerous goods and hazardous materials associated with the development provide a preliminary risk screening in accordance with SEPP 33.
- Where required by SEPP 33, provide a Preliminary Hazard Analysis prepared in accordance with *Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No.6 – Guidelines for Hazard Analysis*.
- If the development is adjacent to or on land in a pipeline corridor, report on consultation outcomes with the operator of the pipeline, and prepare a hazard analysis.

- Preliminary Hazard Analysis

### 17. Contamination and Remediation

- In accordance with SEPP 55, assess and quantify any soil and groundwater contamination and demonstrate that the site is suitable (or will be suitable, after remediation) for the development.

- Preliminary Site Investigation
- If required:
- Detailed Site Investigation
  - Remedial Action Plan
  - Preliminary Long-term Environmental Management Plan

### 18. Waste Management

- Identify, quantify and classify the likely waste streams to be generated during construction and operation.
- Provide the measures to be implemented to manage, reuse, recycle and safely dispose of this waste.
- Identify appropriate servicing arrangements for the site.
- If buildings are proposed to be demolished or altered, provide a hazardous materials survey.

- Waste Management Plan
- Hazardous Material Survey

### 19. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

- Provide an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report prepared in accordance with relevant guidelines, identifying, describing and assessing any impacts for any Aboriginal cultural heritage values on the site.

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

### 20. Environmental Heritage

- Where there is potential for direct or indirect impacts on the heritage significance of environmental heritage, provide a Statement of Heritage

- Statement of Heritage Impact
- Archaeological

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Impact and Archaeological Assessment (if potential impacts to archaeological resources are identified), prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines, which assesses any impacts and outlines measures to ensure they are minimised and mitigated.	Assessment
<b>21. Social Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a Social Impact Assessment prepared in accordance with the <i>Social Impact Assessment Guidelines for State Significant Projects</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Impact Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>22. Infrastructure Requirements and Utilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In consultation with relevant service providers:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>assess the impacts of the development on existing utility infrastructure and service provider assets surrounding the site.</li> <li>identify any infrastructure upgrades required on-site and off-site to facilitate the development and any arrangements to ensure that the upgrades will be implemented on time and be maintained.</li> <li>provide an infrastructure delivery and staging plan, including a description of how infrastructure requirements would be co-ordinated, funded and delivered to facilitate the development.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure Delivery, Management and Staging Plan</li> </ul>
<b>23. Bush Fire Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the development is on bush fire prone land, provide a bush fire assessment that details proposed bush fire protection measures and demonstrates compliance with <i>Planning for Bush Fire Protection</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bush Fire Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>24. Construction, Operation and Staging</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If staging is proposed, provide details of how construction and operation would be managed and any impacts mitigated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address in EIS</li> </ul>
<b>25. Contributions and Public Benefit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address the requirements of any relevant contribution plan(s), planning agreement or EPI requiring a monetary contribution, dedication of land and/or works-in-kind and include details of any proposal for further material public benefit.</li> <li>Where the development proposes alternative public benefits or a departure from an existing contributions framework, the local council, the Department and relevant State agencies are to be consulted prior to lodgement and details, including how comments have been addressed, are to be provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address in EIS</li> </ul>
<b>26. Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detail engagement undertaken and demonstrate how it was consistent with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement Report</li> </ul>

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the *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*. Detail how issues raised and feedback provided have been considered and responded to in the project. In particular, applicants must consult with:

- the relevant Department assessment team.
- any relevant local councils.
- any relevant agencies.
- the community.
- if the development would have required an approval or authorisation under another Act but for the application of s 4.41 of the EP&A Act or requires an approval or authorisation under another Act to be applied consistently by s 4.42 of the EP&A Act, the agency relevant to that approval or authorisation.