

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 modification
Application number and project name	SSD-5144 Mod 8 Mandalong Southern Extension Project Modification 8 – Increased personnel, carparking a substation upgrade
Applicant	Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Executive Director – Energy and Resource Assessments under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) modified the consent subject to recommended and additional conditions.

A copy of the instrument of modification and conditions is available at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/11381>.

A copy of the Department of Planning & Environment's assessment report is available at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/11381>.

Date of decision

17 January 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;
- all information submitted with the modification application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the submissions made concerning the modification; and
- the views of the community about the project (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 decision maker was satisfied that the modification is of minimal environmental impact and that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted was modified.

The key reasons for granting the modification are as follows:

- the modification would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including an additional 345 full-time equivalent employment opportunities concurrently with the existing workforce;
- the modification is permissible with consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies
- 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. Impacts from additional traffic was raised as a key concern. Centennial has committed to splitting some of the additional workers' shift times to alleviate morning and afternoon peak hour traffic congestion; and
- the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through changes to the project and the recommended conditions of consent.

Weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the modification from 3 May until 16 May 2019 (14 days) and received 2 objections, one from a resident and the other from a special interest group.

The key issues raised by the community (including in submissions) and considered in the Department's Assessment Report and by the decision maker include traffic and social impacts. Other issues are addressed in detail in the Department's Assessment Report.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<i>Traffic</i> Additional traffic impacting Mandalong Road and its intersections in the morning and afternoon peaks.	<i>Assessment</i> - The Applicant submitted a revised traffic assessment in its response to submissions report. - The Applicant committed to adjusting workers shift times to reduce peak morning and afternoon traffic movements. - Details of the offset shift times are included in the Applicant's Submissions Report. <i>Conditions</i> - Condition 2 of Schedule 2 requires the Applicant to operate in accordance with its Statement of Environmental Effects and its response to submissions report.
<i>Social</i> Employment positions may be filled by people from outside of the local area decreasing community cohesion.	<i>Assessment</i> - The Department requested a response to this matter as part of the response to submissions report. - The Applicant has committed to advertising employment opportunities in the local area and informing the Mandalong Community Association of opportunities as they arise. <i>Conditions</i> - Condition 2 of Schedule 2 requires the Applicant to operate in accordance with its Statement of Environmental Effects and its response to submissions report.