



APPENDIX D ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY TABLE

List of Stakeholders as per SEARs

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City of Ryde Council, specifically the: Planning and Assessment team Director of City Shaping General Manager Social Planning team.	<p>In lieu of not receiving any formal feedback from Council during the SEARs request process, Urbis Planning subsequently contacted Council for a separate meeting to discuss the project. This meeting was held on 29 November 2023.</p> <p>During this meeting, NEXTDC and Urbis Planning sought preliminary feedback on the design of the S5 Data Centre. Council provided feedback on the draft plans and indicated that additional reports may need to be prepared to support the SSDA.</p> <p>On December 14 2023, Urbis' Community Planning team emailed a representative from the City of Ryde Social and</p>	<p>Strategic planning</p> <p>Council suggested that a data centre is not the best use for site given low levels of activation and low employment generation. It was requested that the SSDA demonstrate appropriateness of the land use in the zone, and the appropriateness of a data centre at this particular site. Council also requested that NEXTDC prepare a savings provision along with the application.</p>	<p>Land use controls at the site permit data centre development, and NEXTDC has included public domain upgrades as part of the proposal to maximise activation and integration with the site's surrounding context. This includes an urban plaza, linear park, and landscaped setback along Lane Cove Road. NEXTDC has prepared a savings provision with the proposal.</p>
		<p>Roads</p> <p>Council made several recommendations related to the proposed roads and pedestrian links, indicating that they may not be accepted by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Council also indicated that the design of the public plaza should incorporate the Waterloo Road bus stop.</p>	<p>NEXTDC continues to engage with TfNSW as part of the planning for proposed roads and pedestrian links. The design of the public plaza has integrated the Waterloo Road bus stop. Detailed design is included in the EIS.</p>
		<p>Public domain on frontages</p>	<p>NEXTDC has included public domain upgrades as part of the proposal to maximise activation and integration with the site's surrounding context. This</p>

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	Cultural Planning team to invite relevant Council officers to attend a meeting to discuss the characteristics/local context of the community and potential social impacts of the proposed project to inform the SIA.	Council noted that consideration should be given to how the design can accommodate future road widening works. They also made several recommendations related to how the public plaza can better respond to the surrounding context.	includes an urban plaza, linear park, and landscaped setback along Lane Cove Road.
		<p>Parking</p> <p>Due to the site's proximity to the Metro Station, Council recommended minimal parking so that public transport to and from the proposal site is encouraged.</p>	The EIS includes a Green Travel Plan which will help encourage and promote the use of active and passive transport to and from the proposal site.
		<p>Stormwater</p> <p>Council noted that an on-site stormwater detention is required, and requested clarification about the sustainability measures around water usage.</p>	On-site stormwater detention has been included in the proposal's design. Further details about the proposal's sustainability measures are provided in the EIS Sustainability Report.
DPHI			
Planning and Assessment team	<p>NEXTDC and Urbis Planning met with DPHI for a Scoping Meeting on 31 August 2023 prior to the lodgement of the Scoping Report to provide information about the project and seek initial feedback.</p> <p>Urbis Planning submitted the Scoping Report on 5 October</p>	DPHI issued Project-specific SEARs on 8 November 2023.	<p>NEXTDC has considered the feedback provided by DPHI's Planning and Assessment Team throughout the preparation of the SSDA.</p> <p>NEXTDC will continue to consult and provide project updates to the Planning and Assessment Team and offer the opportunity to comment and provide feedback on plans.</p>

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	2023 and requesting Project-specific SEARs		
Water Group	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed DPHI’s Water Group on 8 March 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and requested feedback.</p>	To date, no response has been received from Water Group.	<p>NEXTDC will continue to inform Water Group as plans progress.</p> <p>NEXTDC has included a BDAR as part of the proposal.</p>
Environment and Heritage Branch	Urbis Planning provided information about the proposal to the Environment and Heritage Branch in January 2024, and issued a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) waiver request.	<p>The Environment and Heritage Branch advised a waiver cannot be granted until further information is provided, and impacts are clearly understood. Further information was requested with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disturbance across the site, including impact to positioning of trees and vegetation. ▪ Justification for plans regarding native vegetation ▪ Assurance that no threatened ecological community is to be impacted. ▪ A flora list detailing species on site ▪ Further evidence of no impacts to roosting habitat for threatened microbat species. 	NEXTDC has included a BDAR as part of the proposal.

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Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Urbis Engagement emailed EPA on 28 March 2024.	To date, no response has been received from EPA.	NEXTDC will continue to inform EPA as plans progress
Relevant Agencies			
TfNSW	<p>Civil and structural engineer consultants, Taylor Thomson Witting (TTW) emailed TfNSW on 12 September 2023 to provide information about development of the site and request information about TfNSW's Macquarie Park Bus Priority and Capacity Improvement project.</p> <p>TTW followed up with TfNSW via email on 5 October 2023, and again on 15 March 2024.</p>	<p>TfNSW referred TTW to the Bus Priority project team regarding the Macquarie Park Bus Priority and Capacity Improvement project.</p> <p>To date, no responses have been received from TfNSW.</p>	TTW and NEXTDC will continue to engage the Bus Priority team as plans progress. The proposal has been designed to accommodate The Macquarie Park Bus Priority and Capacity Improvement Project.
Sydney Metro Authority	TTW emailed Sydney Metro Authority on 31 October 2023 to provide information about the proposal and request As-Built drawings to better understand where potential structures could be positioned on the proposed site.	<p>Sydney Metro Authority provided As-built drawings to TTW on 15 November 2023.</p> <p>Further drawings were provided to Aurecon and TTW on 21 November 2023.</p>	TTW, Aurecon and NEXTDC will continue to engage Sydney Metro Authority as plans progress to ensure alignment of proposed structures with the existing Metro site.

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	Aurecon requested further drawings on 17 November 2023		
Sydney Water	<p>MGP was responsible for engagement with Sydney Water.</p> <p>MGP lodged a feasibility application for the project on 14 December 2023.</p> <p>Sydney Water emailed MGP on 9 February 2024 to provide a further update on when the formal response letter can be expected.</p>	<p>Sydney Water provided preliminary advice that they intend to accept the feasibility application.</p> <p>A formal response letter is expected in March 2024.</p> <p>Sydney Water advised that the feasibility letter can be expected in mid-March 2024.</p>	<p>MGP and NEXTDC will continue to keep Sydney Water informed as plans for the S5 Data Centre progress.</p> <p>NEXTDC is awaiting the feasibility letter from Sydney Water.</p> <p>MGP and NEXTDC will continue to keep Sydney Water informed as plans for the S5 Data Centre progress.</p>
Ausgrid	NEXTDC was responsible for engagement with Ausgrid.	<p>A formal application was accepted by Ausgrid in December 2023.</p> <p>Ausgrid advised that they have been consulting with the Australian Energy Regulator to determine the capacity in the region in relation to this project. A formal application response is anticipated in March/April 2024.</p>	<p>NEXTDC is awaiting the formal application response from Ausgrid.</p> <p>MGP and NEXTDC will continue to keep Ausgrid informed as plans for the S5 Data Centre progress</p>
Infrastructure NSW	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed Infrastructure NSW on 7 March 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal</p>	To date, no response has been received from Infrastructure NSW.	NEXTDC will continue to inform Infrastructure NSW as plans progress.

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NSW Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade	Urbis Engagement emailed NSW Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade on 11 March 2024.	To date, no response has been received from NSW Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade.	NEXTDC will continue to inform NSW Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade as plans progress.
Cyber Security NSW	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed Cyber Security NSW on 8 March 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and requested feedback.</p>	To date, no response has been received from Cyber Security NSW	NEXTDC will continue to inform Cyber Security NSW as plans progress.
Aboriginal Stakeholder			
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC)	As part of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the project, Urbis Heritage consulted the MLALC as required to determine the cultural significance of objects and/or places on and surrounding the site.	To date, no responses have been received from the MLALC.	<p>Further details about the consultation process are provided in the ACHAR.</p> <p>NEXTDC used the ACHAR to inform the proposal's approach and understand the potential impacts affecting this community.</p> <p>Urbis Heritage and NEXTDC will continue to engage and provide project updates to the MLALC, offering the opportunity to comment and provide feedback should the proposal change.</p>

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Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs)	<p>As part of the ACHAR, Urbis Heritage consulted the RAPs as required to determine the cultural significance of objects and/or places on and surrounding the site.</p> <p>A total of 14 RAPs registered for the project. Two RAPs engaged with the process closely and were invited to attend a site inspection in December 2023.</p>	<p>It was established that there are no Native Title claimants or Indigenous Land Use Agreements associated with the subject area.</p> <p>The ACHAR established that there is low potential for Aboriginal objects and/or sites within the subject area due to high levels of historical disturbance. No social or cultural values have been identified as specifically associated with the subject area.</p> <p>To date, the ACHAR methodology and recommendations have been generally endorsed by all parties.</p>	<p>Further details about the consultation process and feedback from the RAPs are provided in the ACHAR.</p> <p>NEXTDC used the ACHAR to inform the proposal's approach and understand the potential impacts affecting this community.</p> <p>Urbis Heritage and NEXTDC will continue to engage and provide project updates to the RAPs, offering the opportunity to comment and provide feedback should the proposal change.</p>
Community			
Residents and businesses on streets bounded by: The M2 Motorway Epping Road Herring Road.	A community newsletter was distributed on 1 January 2024 to 3,956 residences and businesses in the Macquarie Park area. The community newsletter provided information about the proposal, potential impacts to surrounding residences. The newsletter also invited community members to find out more about the proposal via an upcoming community	One community member expressed concern about the water usage required to cool the data centre, citing other examples of data centres that have been banned due to extreme water usage. General concerns about environmental impacts and energy efficiency were also expressed.	<p>The proposed data centre will not use an immersion cooling system and will instead use fan-wall units which will significantly reduce water usage.</p> <p>Further details about the proposal's sustainability measures are provided in the EIS Sustainability Report.</p>
		Support was expressed about the public activation of the site, and particularly about the inclusion of a publicly accessible café.	Noted
		Some community members raised concerns or questions related to the location of the proposed data centre. One community	Macquarie Park is set up as a technology and innovation hub, and is supported by significant

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	<p>information session, a project 1800 number or enquiry email.</p> <p>Following distribution, Urbis hosted a pop-up information session at Lachlan's Square Village Shopping Centre. Approximately 30 community members were engaged at the pop-up information session.</p> <p>Community enquiries were received via the 1800 number and email address and managed throughout the entire consultation period.</p>	<p>member wanted to better understand how NEXTDC will be operating the data centre considering its proximity to residential dwellings, and asked why Macquarie Park was chosen as the location for the proposed S4 data centre. Another community member expressed that the area surrounding the Macquarie Park Metro Station may be better suited to a different use, and should be retained as mixed-use, commercial and residential.</p> <p>Some community members asked questions or raised concerns about traffic generation;. One resident noted that the intersection of Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road already experiences significant traffic, particularly at peak hour on Waterloo Road heading towards Lane Cove Road. They raised concerns about additional traffic impacts, particularly as site access is proposed via Waterloo Road, and stated that they hope that travel to and from the proposal (when operational) via public transport would be encouraged.</p> <p>One community member expressed general opposition to the proposal and concern about the storage of data and security</p>	<p>communications infrastructure, making it one of the most well-connected areas in Australia.</p> <p>The proposal includes a public plaza to align with the Macquarie Park Place Strategy and integrate with the streetscape along Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road.</p> <p>An assessment of how the proposal will affect the local traffic network is included in the EIS.</p> <p>The EIS includes a Green Travel Plan which will help encourage and promote the use of active and passive transport to and from the proposal site.</p> <p>The delivery of the S5 data centre will provide an additional location for the secure of storage of data in the Sydney Basin. NEXTDC has engaged with Cyber Security NSW to mitigate any potential cybersecurity risk.</p>

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		<p>There were some recommendations for other facilities or amenities that could be included in the proposal, including the provision of bike paths or an aquatic pool.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The proposal includes a public plaza to align with the Macquarie Park Place Strategy and integrate with the streetscape along Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road.</p> <p>The proposal also includes a potential future pedestrian bridge over Lane Cove Road to encourage active transport.</p> <p>The EIS includes a Green Travel Plan which will help encourage and promote the use of active and passive transport to and from the proposal site.</p>
		<p>One community member expressed interest in the timeframes for delivery, as they had been exploring office space in the S2 data centre.</p>	<p>Should the project be approved, construction is expected to start in 2025.</p> <p>There are no indicative timeframes for the opening of office space. NEXTDC will keep the community informed about the project, including the outcome of the approval process and construction and operational timeframes.</p>
<p>Macquarie University</p>	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed Macquarie University on 2 February 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and offer of a one-on-one briefing.</p>	<p>To date, no response has been received from Macquarie University.</p>	<p>NEXTDC will continue to inform Macquarie University as plans progress.</p>

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TAFE NSW – Ryde	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed the TAFE NSW Ryde Campus on 2 February 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and offer of a one-on-one briefing.</p>	<p>To date, no response has been received from the TAFE NSW Ryde Campus</p>	<p>NEXTDC will continue to inform the TAFE NSW Ryde Campus as plans progress.</p>
Foxtel	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed Foxtel (Macquarie Park studio) on 9 February 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and offer of a one-on-one briefing.</p> <p>Foxtel requested a one-on-one briefing with representatives from Foxtel, Sky News, CapitaLand and GLN Planning.</p> <p>The briefing was held online via Teams on 5 March 2024.</p>	<p>Construction impacts on business</p> <p>Foxtel raised concerns around the potential impacts of construction on the 24/7 functioning of the business, due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noise and vibration ▪ Potential power shutdowns. <p>Foxtel requested details of construction methodology, timing, staging, and acoustic testing.</p> <p>Foxtel noted that should construction impacts be significant, Foxtel will need to consider relocating studios.</p>	<p>NEXTDC is committed to mitigating any potential construction impacts on neighbours and will take all necessary measures to reduce impacts on Foxtel's business functioning.</p> <p>NEXTDC will continue to consult and provide project updates to Foxtel, including potential construction methodology, timing and staging, and offer the opportunity to comment and provide feedback.</p> <p>Should the proposal be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction is likely to take around 2.5 years, and staging is subject to market demand and response. ▪ During construction, NEXTDC will have channels and processes in place to ensure ongoing and two-way communications. ▪ During construction, vibration monitors will be placed at adjacent properties.

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		<p>Operation</p> <p>Foxtel sought to understand operational noise and attenuation of the proposed facility.</p>	<p>Noise attenuation will be incorporated in the facility and will comply with EPA guidelines</p>
<p>Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District</p>	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed Connect Macquarie Park Innovation District (CMPID) on 2 February 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and offer of a one-on-one briefing.</p> <p>CMPID requested a one-on-one briefing, which was then held online via Teams on 14 February 2024.</p>	<p>CPMID expressed concerns around the choice of infrastructure in this location, given the proximity to the Metro Station and site neighbours such as Foxtel, where there are live broadcasting studios.</p> <p>CPMID suggested further activation of the site by encouraging use of the innovation space through partnerships with neighbours and the surrounding community.</p> <p>CPMID noted potential access issue due to existing bus stop on Lane Cove Rd.</p>	<p>Land use controls at the site permit data centre development, and NEXTDC has included public features in the proposal to maximise activation and integration with the site's surrounding context.</p> <p>NEXTDC has undertaken noise monitoring specifically in relation to potential noise impacts to Foxtel's studios. If the proposal is approved, NEXTDC will consider partnerships with neighbours and the surrounding community as part of the facility's operation.</p> <p>The proposal does not include vehicle access via Lane Cove Road.</p>
<p>Macquarie Centre</p>	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed Macquarie Centre on 2 February 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and offer of a one-on-one briefing.</p>	<p>To date, no response has been received from Macquarie Centre.</p>	<p>NEXTDC will continue to inform Macquarie Centre as plans progress.</p>

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Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber	<p>Urbis Engagement emailed the Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber on 2 February 2024.</p> <p>This email provided information about the proposal along with the community newsletter and offer of a one-on-one briefing.</p>	To date, no response has been received from Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber	NEXTDC will continue to inform Macquarie Park Ryde Business Chamber as plans progress.