

Appendix 2 – SEARs Table

This table summarises where the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements have been addressed in the EIS and supporting documentation.

Issue	Requirement	EIS Reference
Key Issues		
1. Statutory and Strategic Context	- Address all relevant legislation, environmental planning instruments (EPIs) (including drafts), plans, policies and guidelines. - Identify compliance with applicable development standards and provide a detailed justification for any non-compliances. - Provide an explanation of how the development as described in the EIS is consistent with the development as was described in the request for SEARs (including any components that were not SSD) and provide a justification for any differences. - Address the requirements of any approvals applying to the site, including any concept approval or recommendation from any Gateway determination - Provide documentation that a registered community housing provider will manage the affordable housing component of the development for 15 years (after issue of Occupation Certificate).	Section 4, Section 6.1 and Appendix 3
2. Estimated Development Cost and Employment	- Provide the estimated development cost (EDC) of the development prepared in accordance with the relevant planning circular using the Standard Form of EDC Report. - The EDC Report must specify the EDC of the residential component of the development. - Provide an estimate of the retained and new jobs that would be created during the construction and operational phases of the development, including details of the methodology to determine the figures provided.	Appendix 22

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3. Design Quality	- Demonstrate how the development will achieve: - design excellence in accordance with any applicable EPI provisions. - good design in accordance with the seven objectives for good design in Better Placed. - Demonstrate that the development: - where required by an EPI or concept approval, or where proposed, has been subject to a competitive design process, carried out in accordance with an endorsed brief and Design Excellence Strategy; or - in all other instances, has been reviewed by the State Design Review Panel (SDRP) consistent with the NSW SDRP: Guidelines for Project Teams. - Recommendations of the jury and Design Integrity Panel (where a competitive design process has been held) or the SDRP are to be addressed prior to lodgement.	Section 6.2 and Appendix 7
4. Built form and urban design	- Explain and illustrate the proposed built form, including a detailed site and context analysis to justify the proposed site planning, design approach and application of the height and floor space bonuses under the Housing SEPP. - 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. - Demonstrate how the building design will deliver a high-quality development, including consideration of façade design, articulation, activation, roof design, materials, finishes, colours, any signage and integration of services. - Assess how the development complies with the relevant accessibility requirements. - Provide a floorplan outlining the gross floor area and units that are dedicated as affordable housing.	Section 6.3 and Appendices 6 and 7
5. Environmental Amenity	- Address how good internal and external environmental amenity is achieved, including access to natural daylight and ventilation, pedestrian movement throughout the site, access to landscape and outdoor spaces. - Assess amenity impacts on the surrounding locality, including lighting impacts, reflectivity, solar access, visual privacy, visual amenity, view loss and view sharing, overshadowing and wind impacts. A high level of environmental amenity for any surrounding residential or other sensitive land uses must be demonstrated. - Provide a solar access analysis of the overshadowing impacts of the development within the site, on surrounding properties and public spaces (during summer and winter solstice and spring and autumn equinox)	Section 6.4 and Appendices 6, 7, and 8

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	at hourly intervals between 9am and 3pm, comparing the proposed development, existing situation and a development with no bonuses applied.	
6. Visual Impact	- Provide a visual analysis of the development from key viewpoints, including photomontages or perspectives showing the proposed and likely future development. - 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.	Section 6.5 and Appendix 38
7. Public Space	- Demonstrate how the development maximises the amount, access to and quality of public spaces (including open space, public facilities and streets/plazas within and surrounding the site), reflecting relevant design guidelines and advice from the local council and the Department. - Demonstrate how the development: - ensures that public space is welcoming, attractive and accessible for all. - maximises permeability and connectivity. - maximises the amenity of public spaces in line with their intended use, such as through adequate facilities, solar access, shade and wind protection. - maximises street activation. - minimises potential vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian conflicts. - Address how Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are to be integrated into the development, in accordance with Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications Guidelines.	Section 6.6 and Appendices 8
8. Trees and Landscaping	- Assess the number, location, condition and significance of trees to be removed and retained and note any existing canopy coverage to be retained on-site. - Provide a detailed site-wide landscape plan, that: - details the proposed site planting, including location, number and species of plantings, heights of trees at maturity and proposed canopy coverage (as a percentage of the site area). - provides evidence that opportunities to retain significant trees have been explored and/or informs the plan. - demonstrates how the proposed development would: - contribute to long term landscape setting in respect of the site and streetscape.	Section 6.7 and Appendices 8 and 17

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	- mitigate the urban heat island effect and ensure appropriate comfort levels on-site. - contribute to the objective of increased urban tree canopy cover. - maximise opportunities for green infrastructure, consistent with Greener Places and having regard to any bush fire risk.	
9. Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)	- Identify how ESD principles (as defined in section 193 of the EP&A Regulation) are incorporated in the design and ongoing operation of the development. - Demonstrate how the development will meet or exceed the relevant industry recognised building sustainability and environmental performance standards. - 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.	Section 6.8 and Appendices 14 and 28
10. Traffic, Transport and Accessibility	- Provide a transport and accessibility impact assessment, which includes: - an analysis of the existing transport network, including the road hierarchy and any pedestrian, bicycle or public transport infrastructure, current daily and peak hour vehicle movements, and existing performance levels of nearby intersections. - details of the proposed development, including pedestrian and vehicular access arrangements (including swept path analysis of the largest vehicle and height clearances), parking arrangements and rates (including bicycle and end-of-trip facilities), drop-off/pick-up-zone(s) and bus bays (if applicable), and provisions for servicing and loading/unloading. - analysis of the impacts of the proposed development during construction and operation (including justification for the methodology used), including predicted modal split, a forecast of additional daily and peak hour multimodal network flows as a result of the development (using industry standard modelling), identification of potential traffic impacts on road capacity, intersection performance and road safety (including pedestrian and cyclist conflict) and any cumulative impact from surrounding approved developments. - measures to mitigate any traffic impacts, including details of any new or upgraded infrastructure to achieve acceptable performance and safety, and the timing, viability and mechanisms of delivery (including proposed arrangements with local councils or government agencies) of any infrastructure improvements in accordance with relevant standards.	Section 6.9 and Appendix 11

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	- proposals to promote sustainable travel choices for employees, residents, guests and visitors, such as connections into existing walking and cycling networks, minimising car parking provision, encouraging car share and public transport, providing adequate bicycle parking and high quality end-of-trip facilities, and implementing a Green Travel Plan. - Provide a Construction Traffic Management Plan detailing predicted construction vehicle 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.	
11. Biodiversity	- Assess any biodiversity impacts associated with the development in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the Biodiversity Assessment Method 2020, including the preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR), unless a waiver is granted, or the site is on biodiversity certified land. - 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.	Section 6.10 and Appendix 27
12. Noise and Vibration	Provide a noise and vibration assessment prepared in accordance with the relevant NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines. The assessment must detail construction and operational noise and vibration impacts on nearby sensitive receivers and structures and outline the proposed management and mitigation measures that would be implemented.	Section 6.11 and Appendix 12
13. Ground and Water Conditions	- Assess potential impacts on soil resources and related infrastructure and riparian lands on and near the site, including soil erosion, salinity and acid sulfate soils. - Provide a Surface and Groundwater Impact Assessment that assesses potential impacts on: - surface water resources (quality and quantity) including related infrastructure, hydrology, dependent ecosystems, drainage lines, downstream assets and watercourses. - groundwater resources in accordance with the Groundwater Guidelines	Section 6.12 and Appendices 10
14. Water Management	- 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.	Section 6.13 and Appendices 19 and 20

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	- outlines the water-related servicing infrastructure required by the development (informed by the anticipated annual and ultimate increase in servicing demand) and evaluates opportunities to reduce water demand (such as recycled water provision). - details the proposed drainage design (stormwater and wastewater) for the site including any on-site treatment, reuse and detention facilities, water quality management measures, and nominated discharge points. - demonstrates compliance with the local council or other drainage or water authority requirements and avoids adverse downstream impacts. - Where water and 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, the local council or other drainage or water authority.	
15. Flood 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 mitigate flood risk where required. - Detail design solutions and operational procedures to mitigate flood risk where required	Section 6.14 and Appendix 21
16. Contamination and Remediation	In accordance with Chapter 4 of SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021, assess and quantify any soil and groundwater contamination and demonstrate that the site is suitable (or will be suitable, after remediation) for the development	Section 6.15 and Appendix 9
17. 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.	Section 6.16 and Appendices 15 and 16
18. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	Provide an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) prepared in accordance with relevant guidelines, identifying, describing and assessing any impacts to any Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or values associated with the site	Section 6.17 and Appendix 26

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19. Environmental Heritage	Where there is potential for direct or indirect impacts on the heritage significance of environmental heritage, provide a Statement of Heritage 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.	Section 6.18 and Appendix 25
20. Social Impact	Provide a Social Impact Assessment prepared in accordance with the Social Impact Assessment Guidelines for State Significant Projects.	Section 6.19 and Appendix 29
21. Infrastructure Requirements and Utilities	- In consultation with relevant service providers: - assess the impacts of the development on existing utility infrastructure and service provider assets surrounding the site. - identify any infrastructure 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. - 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.	Section 6.20 and Appendices 32
22. Bushfire	If the development is on mapped bush fire prone land, or a bush fire threat is identified on or adjoining the site, provide a bush fire assessment that details proposed bush fire protection measures and demonstrates compliance with Planning for Bush Fire Protection.	Not applicable
23. Aviation	- If the development proposes a helicopter landing site (HLS), assess its potential impacts on the flight paths of any nearby airport, airfield or HLS. - If the site contains or is adjacent to a HLS, assess the impacts of the development on that HLS	Not applicable
24. Construction, Operation and Staging	If staging is proposed, provide details of how construction and operation would be managed and any impacts mitigated	Section 3.17
25. Contributions and Public Benefit	- 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. - 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.	Section 6.21

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26. Engagement	- Detail engagement undertaken and demonstrate how it was consistent with 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 (including the Western Parkland City Authority for development within the Western Parkland City). - 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.	Section 5 and Appendix 30
Additional assessment requirements		
	Provide a table which demonstrates how each apartment, including affordable apartments, addresses the key Apartment Design Guide (ADG) design criteria to inform the assessment of each building, and the overall development, against the Design Quality Principles within Housing SEPP and the ADG.	Appendix 6
	Provide consideration of the proposal against the site-specific development control plan (The Hills DCP, Part D Section 21 – 93-107 Cecil Avenue and 9-10 Roger Avenue, Castle Hill), where relevant.	Section 6.22