

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	SSD 8392
Project name	Darlington Point Solar
Applicant	Edify Energy Pty Ltd
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning

Decision

The Executive Director under delegation from the Minister for Planning 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 Department of Planning & Environment's Assessment Report, development consent and conditions are available [here](#).

Date of decision

7 December 2018

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 development application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report; and
- the views of an independent biodiversity expert.

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 project would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including:
 - contributing to a more diverse local industry;
 - generating a total capital investment of approximately \$407 million;
 - creating up to 300 construction jobs;
 - generating enough electricity to power up to 103,000 homes, saving up to 583,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year; and,
 - assisting in transitioning the electricity sector from coal and gas fired power stations to renewable energy;
- the project is permissible with development consent under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007*, and is consistent with relevant NSW Government policies;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, subject to the recommended conditions of consent; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.