

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 and project name	SSD-9418 Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion
Applicant	Bettergrow Pty Ltd
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning

Decision

The 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 conditions.

A copy of the development consent and conditions are available [here](#).

A copy of the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment report is available [here](#).

Date of decision

31/08/2022

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 to the Department during the assessment of the development;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's assessment report; 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 key reasons for granting consent to the development application are as follows:

- the development would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including the provision of 15 full-time equivalent construction jobs and 4-6 operational jobs and representing an investment of \$4.8 million in the Singleton local government area;
- the development would support the rehabilitation of AGL Macquarie lands by using the finished product to improve the soil across these areas;
- the development would increase the diversion of organic waste from landfill by expanding the capacity of an existing resource recovery facility, aligning with the objectives of the State and Federal waste policies;
- the project is permissible with development consent and is suitably located as it is sited far from sensitive receptors and in a highly disturbed environment;
- 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;
- the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through changes to the project and the conditions of consent; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department publicly exhibited the EIS from **Wednesday 27 November 2019** until **Friday 31 January 2020**. The Department received one public submission during the exhibition period for the EIS. The submission referred to the relocation of the Ravensworth Homestead (3 km to the north-east of the site) which does not form part of this development application.