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 10379	
and project name	Redevelopment of Sutherland Entertainment Centre and Peace Park	
Applicant	Sutherland Shire Council	
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces	

Decision

The Executive Director, Regions, Industry & Key Sites under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces 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, Industry and Environment's Assessment Report, development consent and conditions is available <u>here</u>.

Date of decision

1 October 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 to the Department during the assessment of the development application;
- 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:

- *Benefits* the project would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including \$33,743,782 million total capital investment, 20 operational jobs and 144 construction jobs;
- Consistent with NSW Government Policy the project is consistent with NSW Government policies including the Greater Sydney Region Plan, South District Plan and Sutherland Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement 2019
- Impacts can be managed 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
- Community views considered the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed
- Public interest weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the Environmental Impact Statement for the project from Thursday 11 June 2020 until Wednesday 8 July 2020 (28 days) and received eight submissions comprising seven submissions from government agencies and one public submission in support of the project.

The Department also undertook the following consultation activities:

- advertised the application in the St George and Sutherland Leader on Wednesday 10 June 2020, and notified adjoining landholders, and relevant government agencies in writing
- one site visit.

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

Issue	Consideration
Council should allocate funding to other community facilities in Sutherland (public issue)	The Department considers the proposed development would provide significant benefits to the community and is consistent with the Sutherland Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement 2019.
	The Department notes that the Applicant has committed to liaise directly with the submitter to discuss how community infrastructure within the Sutherland Shire is funded and to outline the priorities for the provision and upgrading of facilities.