

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-10451 RIDBC Centre of Excellence
Applicant	Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Executive Director 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 in the instrument of consent.

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

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

Date of decision

30 April 2021

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; and
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report.

There were no submissions made by the public about the project.

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 grant 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 a total investment of \$74,513,056 and approximately 205 construction jobs and 300 operational jobs;
- the project is permissible with development consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies, including:
 - Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities;
 - State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038;
 - Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy 2056;
 - North District Plan;
- 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; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.