

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-10474 St Marys Resource Recovery Facility (Borg)
Applicant	ReDirect Recycling Pty Ltd
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The A/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.

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

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

Date of decision

30 September 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;
- 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 project would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including 10 operational jobs and a capital investment of \$2.8 million;
- the development would increase recycling capacity in Sydney, diverting waste from landfill and would contribute to the NSW Government's waste recycling targets set out in the NSW Waste and Sustainable Material Strategy 2041
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised and managed to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards, including
 - stormwater would meet relevant pollutant reduction criteria;
 - traffic would be safely accommodated on the road network and would be managed via operational traffic management plans;
 - the facility will be required to comply with the latest fire safety standards for waste facilities;
 - air quality and noise impacts would be negligible and managed through standard conditions.
- the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through changes to the project and the recommended conditions of consent.
- 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 5 March 2021 until 1 April 2021 (28 days) and received two submissions, including one objection and one providing comments.

The Department also undertook the following consultation activities:

- discussions with the NSW Environment Protection Agency on the recommended conditions.

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

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<p><i>Traffic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are existing congestion issues within the business park, particularly at the single entry-exit • The proposed development will lead to increased traffic congestion • The Traffic Impact Assessment should be updated in accordance with the peer-review provided 	<p><i>Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development would generate up to 126 vehicle trips per day, approximately 94 less daily trips than the facility previously operating at the site. • Traffic generated by the development would be adequately accommodated on the road network with minimal increased intersection delays or queuing. • There would be adequate queuing lanes for trucks within the site and adequate on-site parking for employees. • Council and Transport for NSW have reviewed the additional information provided in the Response to Submissions report and have raised no concerns with the information provided in relation to traffic impacts. <p><i>Conditions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department's recommended conditions require the Applicant to implement the proposed mitigation measures to improve traffic safety at the site entrance and prepare an operational traffic management plan that details access arrangements, transport routes, site inductions and internal pedestrian routes. Standard operating conditions for traffic management are also recommended.