

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 modification
Application number and project name	SSD-8175 Western Sydney Stadium Stage 2 Design & Construction Modification 3
Applicant	Venues NSW
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Decision

The Director under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) modified the consent subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the instrument of modification and conditions is available [here](#).

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

Date of decision

17 December 2019

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 reasons given by the consent authority for the grant of the original consent;
- the objects of the Act;
- the considerations under s 7.14(2), 7.16(3) and 7.17(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW);
- all information submitted with the modification application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the submissions made concerning the modification; 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 decision maker was satisfied that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted was modified.

The key reasons for granting the modification are as follows:

- the modification would provide a range of benefits for the region and the State as a whole, including increased utilisation of a State-owned asset and increased patronage to Parramatta and surrounds.
- the modification is permissible with consent and is consistent with NSW Government policies including the *Greater Sydney Regional Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities*, the *Greater Sydney Commissions' Central City District Plan*, and the *Future Transport Strategy 2056*.
- 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 consent authority has modified the conditions of consent to ensure noise and traffic impacts are appropriately managed to minimise disturbance upon surrounding sensitive uses.
- the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through modifications to the project and the recommended conditions of consent.
- weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the modification from 17 October 2019 until 30 October 2019 (14 days) and received 9 submissions from public authorities, including Parramatta City Council and one submission from a member of the public.

The key issues raised by the community in submissions and considered in the Department's Assessment Report and by the decision maker include general support of the increased utilisation of the Western Sydney Stadium and adequacy of existing operational management plans. Other issues are addressed in detail in the Department's Assessment Report.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<i>Use of the Western Sydney Stadium</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">supportive of the increased use of the venue.	<i>Assessment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Department considered the positive impacts of the increased use of the WSS, particularly for functions on non-event days. <i>Conditions</i> <p>Conditions have been included to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">increase the operational hours of functions as well as function patron numbers and available function spaces.increase the number major events, including sporting events and concerts, both temporarily and permanently.