

Notice of decision – Modification to The Northern Road Upgrade Glenmore Park to Bringelly (SSI 7127 MOD 1)

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Application type	Critical State significant infrastructure modification
Application number and project name	SSI 7127 MOD 1 – Modification to The Northern Road Upgrade Glenmore Park to Bringelly
Applicant	Roads and Maritime Services
Approving authority	Minister for Planning

Decision

The Executive Director under delegation from the Minister for Planning has, under s.5.25 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) approved the modification subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the instrument of modification is available at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>

A copy of the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report is available at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>

Date of decision

11/6/19.

Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the matters listed in the statutory context section of the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report, which include the findings and recommendations in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report;
- all information submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment during the assessment of the application;
- the findings and recommendations in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report; and
- the views of the community about the project (see Attachment 1).

The findings and recommendations set out in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision.

The key reasons for approving the modification are as follows:

- the amendments to the project would:
 - replace the approved twin bridges over Adams Road with an at grade intersection;
 - would facilitate access to Luddenham town centre and Elizabeth Drive via Adams Road from the Approved Project; and
 - remove the requirement for out of hours bridgeworks;
- the project has been endorsed by the NSW Government by being a key component of:
 - *Future Transport Strategy 2056*,
 - *State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038*,
 - *A Plan for Growing Sydney*, and
 - *Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan*
- 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. The key impacts include:
 - traffic, transport and access associated with the increase in motor vehicles along Adams Road,
 - noise impacts from the proposed earthworks and operational noise affecting surrounding residents; and
 - additional vegetation removal;
- the issues raised by the community during consultation and in submissions have been considered and adequately addressed through the existing and recommended conditions of approval; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the modification request from 5 December 2018 until 19 December 2018 (14 days) and received 5 submissions from the public and special interest groups, including 5 objections, primarily from residents living within proximity to the project site.

The key issues raised by the community (including in submissions) and considered in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report and by the decision maker include traffic and access, noise and ecological impacts. Other issues are addressed in the Planning Secretary's Assessment Report.

Issue	Consideration
Traffic, Transport and Access <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A signalised intersection at Adams Road and the Approved Project would disrupt traffic flow, causing traffic delays and increased travel times.• Construction traffic increases along Adams Road.• Increase in traffic volumes along Adams Road and subsequent impacts to local residents.• Access restrictions to and from properties along Adams Road.• The traffic assessment methodology and traffic projections.• Lack of detail regarding proposed mitigation measures.	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed changes would not result in substantial changes to construction traffic generation.• One lane would remain open on Adams Road throughout the duration of construction for the intersection, managed by traffic control• The proponent has committed to ensure traffic control measures would be implemented in line with the required Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)• The Department has concerns with the potential traffic impacts to Adams Road and considers it appropriate to ensure traffic impact mitigation is provided in an adaptive manner to address traffic volumes and access impacts. Recommended Conditions <p>Conditions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department recommends the Proponent prepare an Adams Road Localised Road Network Performance Review, to identify further mitigation measures to mitigate the impacts of increased vehicles along Adams Road.
Noise and Vibration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise impacts from proposed earth works on the surrounding residential properties.• Lack of information on mitigation measures to mitigate the operational noise affecting residents.• Beepers from pedestrian crossings emitting constant noise would disturb residents on Adams Road.	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noise from earthworks for the Adams Road interchange would not have a significant increased impact on the community. The removal of out-of-hours bridgeworks in the area reduces the length of construction and out-of-hours works.• Operational noise impact changes are relatively minor can be appropriately managed and reviewed through existing conditions of approval. Response <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No further conditions are required on this matter.

Biodiversity

Additional vegetation removal and CEEC impacts

Assessment

- The impacts to the species and communities are considered minimal and will be offset in accordance with the approved project.

Response

- No further conditions are required on this matter
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