

Lane Cove West Data Centre

Mod 2 - Building alterations and additional office space

As a resident of Lane Cove keenly interested in bushland matters over several decades, I would like to make a brief submission in regard to modifications to the plans for this development at 1 Sirius Road, now incorporating 2 Apollo Place, to achieve better outcomes for the surrounding natural environment than are encompassed by the currently approved plan and landscape plan.

The total site for the Data Centre includes two important bushland remnants that are to be conserved as bushland – one in a triangle on the northeast and one along the boundary in the southeast. I am obviously very supportive of this setting aside of these patches as bushland.

However, according to the landscape plan, when completed, the northern remnant is to be located outside the main security fence while the southern remnant will be inside the security fence. I totally understand the need for a security fence for this facility but it will almost totally cut-off this southern bushland inside it from the adjacent bushland. This will affect habitat for native animals as well as regeneration and viability of its vegetation species as it is only a small patch.

It is a positive aspect of the development that the northern patch lies outside the fence and can maintain connection to the Stringybark Creek corridor, and I would strongly urge that the security fence on the southern side be moved such that the southern patch can connect to its adjacent bushland as well.

In areas such as Lane Cove, where the bush fragments are very small, all patches are valuable contributions to the overall health and viability of our native vegetation communities and their associated wildlife.

I would recommend that that a modification to the location of the security fence along this boundary be considered along with the building modifications of this current proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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