


Review of Environmental Factors Decision Statement

Infrastructure works to facilitate redevelopment of Liverpool Boys and Liverpool Girls High Schools

Table 1: REF Details

Document Name	Minor Works Review of Environmental Factors - Preliminary infrastructure works to facilitate redevelopment of Liverpool Boys and Liverpool Girls High Schools
REF Date	26 May 2025
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Location	18 Forbes Street, Liverpool NSW 2170 (Part Lot 1 in DP1137425)
Summary of Proposed Activity	<p>Infrastructure works, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• electrical infrastructure including two substations and underground power lines;• stormwater management;• telecommunications;• water and sewerage services; and• associated construction works including tree removal, minor earthworks, trenching and backfilling.
Prepared by	Trevor Allen, de Witt Consulting
Manager Assessments Endorsement	<p>I certify that I have reviewed and endorsed the contents of the REF document and the Decision Statement and, to the best of my knowledge, it is in accordance with the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>, the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i> (EP&A Regulation) and the Guidelines approved under section 170 of the EP&A Regulation and the information it contains is neither false nor misleading.</p>  Shelley Reed, Manager Assessments

The Review of Environmental Factors (**REF**) has been assessed and considered in accordance with the requirements of sections 1.7, 5.5, 5.7 and 5.10 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*, sections 171 and 171A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation)* and the Guidelines approved under section 170 EP&A Regulation.

In considering the activity and for the purpose of attaining the objects of the EP&A Act relating to the protection and enhancement of the environment, the NSW Department of Education (**the department**) has examined and taken into account to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment arising from the activity, as addressed in the REF including any necessary mitigation or management measures.

The REF has assessed key matters and impacts, including:

- traffic and access;
- noise and vibration;
- soils, geology and contamination;
- stormwater drainage;
- biodiversity;
- Aboriginal heritage; and
- non-Aboriginal heritage.

The REF provides an environmental assessment of the activity against the requirements of Division 5.1 of the EP&A Act and the EP&A Regulation, including but not limited to *Guidelines for Division 5.1 Assessments*, prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment, June 2022.

Notification of the activity occurred in accordance with Chapter 2 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (TI SEPP)*.

This determination is made following consideration of the matters in sections 1.7, 5.5, 5.7 and 5.10 of the EP&A Act, and section 171 and section 171A of the EP&A Regulation.

The REF has considered the potential impacts arising from the proposal, including any impacts on critical habitat and threatened species, populations and ecological communities and their habitats in accordance with Part 7 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. The REF has also assessed the need for referral to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)*.

The REF identifies a range of environmental outcomes and safeguards as mitigation measures that would be required to avoid or reduce environmental impacts. The mitigation measures for the proposal are included at **Appendix 1 of the REF**.

As an authorised person on behalf of the department who did not prepare the REF, I discharge the duty as a determining authority under section 5.1 of the EP&A Act and conclude that based on the REF document and other information provided:

- the proposed activity is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required;

- the proposed activity will not be carried out in a declared area of outstanding biodiversity value and is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats or impact biodiversity values, meaning a Species Impact Statement and/or Biodiversity Development Assessment Report is not required;
- the proposed activity may proceed as the infrastructure works will support works for the redevelopment of the existing high schools and any impacts from the infrastructure works can be mitigated;
- mitigation measures are required to eliminate, minimise or manage environmental impacts and have been addressed at Appendix 1 of the REF and endorsed by the Manager Assessments at **Table 1** of this Decision Statement; and
- the proposed activity is not likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance, or on the environment of Commonwealth land, and therefore referral to the Minister under the EPBC Act is not required.

Having regard to the above, and having the power to exercise the functions of the determining authority under Part 5, Division 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and Part 8, Division 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (EP&A Regulation), the proposal as described in the REF at 18 Forbes Street, Liverpool NSW 2170 (Part Lot 1 in DP1137425) is **APPROVED** on behalf of the department and may proceed without the need for further assessment, subject to compliance with and implementation of the following:

1. The REF and associated appendices;
2. The Mitigation Measures included at **Appendix 1** of the REF; and
3. All other relevant statutory requirements, including approvals, licences, notifications, permits, and authorisations.



Jenny Chu
Manager Assessments
27 May 2025