

Notice of decision

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

Application type	Development Application
Application number and project name	DA 22/11021 – Upgrade of existing Optus telecommunications facility, Eagles Nest, Thredbo Village, Thredbo Alpine Resort
Applicant	Service Stream (on behalf of Optus Mobile Pty Ltd)
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning

Decision

The Team Leader Assessments of the Alpine Resorts Team under delegation from the Minister for Planning has, under s.4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) granted consent to the development application subject to the recommended conditions and any additional conditions.

A copy of the development consent and conditions is available:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/development-assessment/state-significant-applications/projects/state-development-applications>

A copy of the Department of Planning and Environment's Assessment Report is available:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/development-assessment/state-significant-applications/projects/state-development-applications>

Date of decision

1 August 2025

Reasons for decision

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

- the objects of the Act;
- 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 2021*;
- all information submitted to the Department during the assessment of the development application and additional information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- 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 is permissible with development consent under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts - Regional) 2021* and is consistent with NSW Government policies including the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* aim to facilitate the effective delivery of appropriate infrastructure across the State, and the *South East and Tableland Region Plan 2036* aim to support and increase visitation to NSW ski resorts;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised or managed to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable policies and standards. The consent authority has imposed conditions relating to construction standards, environmental considerations, post construction certification and safety;
- the application was made publicly available on the NSW Planning Portal website, and no issues were raised by the community during exhibition of the proposal; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The application (as amended) was not required to be publicly exhibited or notified in accordance with the Department's Community Participation Plan prepared in accordance with Schedule 1 of the EP&A Act (CPP version November 2019 at time of lodgement of the original proposal, and version April 2024 at the time of amendment).

The Department placed the application on the NSW Planning Portal website for the information of any interested parties consistent with the intent of the CPP to make applications publicly available.

Pursuant to s. 4.27 of the Precincts - Regional SEPP the application was referred to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for land within an alpine resort within KNP.

Comments were received from NPWS, which have been considered and addressed in detail in the Department's Assessment Report.

There were no other submissions that needed to be taken into consideration in making this decision as no issues were raised by the community and no public submissions were received during the exhibition period.