

Our ref: PAN-474334

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15 October 2024

Subject: PAN-474334- Request for Information - Static signage on pedestrian overbridge at Hume Highway, Strathfield (DA 24/12736)

Dear Ms Pose,

I refer to the above Part 4 development application for the continued use of existing static signage on the pedestrian overbridge at Hume Highway, Strathfield DA 24/12736 (PAN-474334).

After careful consideration, the Department requests that you provide the additional information outlined in **Attachment A**. This request is made in accordance with section 36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (the Regulation). At the date of this letter, 2 days in the assessment period has elapsed.

The Department requests that you provide a response to the issues raised in **Attachment A** by **Monday 4 November 2024** via the NSW Planning Portal. The information must be provided before the application can be exhibited. If you are unable to provide the requested information within this timeframe, you are required to provide, and commit to, a timeframe detailing the provision of this information. In accordance with Part 4, Division 4, section 94(2) of the Regulation, the assessment period ceases to run from the date of this request until the information is provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Jake Simpson, Planning Officer on 9995 5243, or via email at jake.simpson@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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Team Leader, Transport and Water Assessments
as delegate for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Enclosed: Attachment A

ATTACHMENT A

1. Lighting Impact Assessment

- Section 6 of the Lighting Impact Assessment (Appendix 4 of SEE) references an Appendix C. However, the appendix is not included in the report.

2. Signage Safety Assessment

- The Signage Safety Assessment (Appendix 3 of SEE) states that the existing signs have been approved and designed in accordance with Australian Standards *AS 1170.1* and *AS 1170.2* to meet requirements for wind loading.
- The current wind loading standard is *AS/NZS 1170.2:2021 Structural design actions wind actions*. It is not known whether the assessment was against the current standard or a superseded version. Please advise what version of the standard has been used.
- If the assessment was not against the current standard, provide an amended assessment against this. Where the sign does not meet current standard requirements, detail what mitigation measures will be implemented to ensure that the requirements are met and that the sign is safe.

3. Structural Feasibility Assessment

- The Structural Feasibility Assessment (Appendix 5 of SEE) is not based on the current Australian Standard for steel structures. The assessment states that *AS 4100:1998* was used. This has been superseded by *AS 4100:2020*.
- Provide an amended assessment that assesses structural feasibility in accordance with the current standard. Based on the amended assessment, consider whether mitigation measures may be required to ensure that the sign is structurally sound and does not pose a safety issue. Any required measures must be included in the amended assessment.

4. Statutory Planning Framework

- Table 5, Page 18 of the SEE – Provision (a)(iv) states that the application is consistent with the relevant matters of the EP&A Regulation. Please provide details on what the relevant matters are and how the application is consistent.
- Table 6, Page 24 of the SEE – Item 6 does not address if any safety devices, platforms or lighting devices have been designed as an integral part of the signage or structure on which it is to be displayed. The comments only refer to the logo being included and to content controls for signage (which does not form part of the consideration). Provide details on the safety device, platforms and any lighting devices.

5. Biodiversity

- In accordance with section 1.7 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Part 7 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) applies to the assessment of development applications. Section 7.7 of the BC Act requires an application for development consent to be accompanied by a

biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) if the proposed development is likely to significantly affect threatened species. Section 7.3 of the BC Act sets out the test for determining whether a proposed development is likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats.

- While no works are proposed as part of the application, the test of significance must still be undertaken and submitted as part of the development application to support why a BDAR is not required.
- Further information on how to undertake a test of significance can be found at the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and *Water Threatened Species Test of Significance Guidelines*, available at:

https://www2.environment.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-02/threatened-species-test-significance-guidelines-170634_0.pdf

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Animals-and-plants/Biodiversity/bulletins/threatened-species-test-significance-guidelines-sept-2018-no1-190371.pdf>

6. Maintenance

- Provide details on the proposed maintenance regime for the sign.

7. Visual Impact Assessment

- As discussed in the meeting on 22 August 2024, the level of visual impact should be evaluated in accordance with TfNSW's landscape character and visual impact rating matrix and justification provided for the level of sensitivity and magnitude selected.
- Please update the visual impact assessment using the recommended matrix and provide justification for the ratings.