

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 24/16834 — Snowmaking Unit 1 and associated works, Friday Flat, Thredbo (Lot 876 DP 1243112) in Thredbo Alpine Resort within Kosciuszko National Park (KNP)
Applicant	Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning

Decision

The Team Leader 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, Housing and Infrastructure's Assessment Report is available:

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

Date of decision

9 April 2025

Reasons for decision

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

- 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*;
- the objects of the Act;
- all information submitted to the Department during the assessment of the development application and any 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 *South East and Tableland Regional Plan 2036* and draft *South East and Tableland Regional Plan 2041* which aim to increase visitation to the 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 NSW Government policies and standards. The consent authority has imposed conditions relating to construction standards, environmental considerations, post construction certification and rehabilitation;
- no issues were raised by the community during the assessment of the proposal; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.

Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department's Community Participation Plan (CPP), April 2024, prepared in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Act does not require the application to be exhibited as the works are not located within fifty (50) metres of a tourist accommodation building.

The Department publicly exhibited the application between 25 November 2024 and 9 December 2024 on the NSW Planning Portal website and notified adjoining lodges bordering Friday Flat ski area and also those within Thredbo Village given the objectives of the Plan to understand community views and any concerns with this form of development.

Pursuant to s. 4.27 of the Precincts - Regional SEPP the application was also 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.

Upon receipt of additional information, the application was also referred to NSW Health, the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Water Group (NSW DCCEEW Water Group), and the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development – Fisheries. Comments were received from each of the government agencies and considered in the Department's Assessment Report.

There were no community views 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.