

APPLICATION SUMMARY

- DA2021/00007 was determined by the Joint Regional Planning Panel on the 14th October 2021, with Development Consent issued by City of Newcastle on the 20th October 2021 for a Battery Storage Facility on approved Lot 1102.
- As the industrial subdivision is still under construction, Steel River West Pty Ltd (the applicant) has further considered the most suitable location for the Battery Storage Facility within the estate and has opted to relocate the Battery Storage Facility from Lot 1102 to Lot 1103.
- The particulars remain the same as previously proposed under DA2021/00007 and comprise of a 28MW lithium-ion battery energy storage facility using one of three different battery systems, with two options for the final battery configuration proposed (containerised or modular battery units). The three battery systems involve containerised batteries, Tesla Megapack or a 'generic' battery system similar to the Tesla Model.

AERIAL PHOTO: ORIGINAL APPROVED DA2021/00007 vs CURRENT PROPOSED APPLICATION



REASON FOR NEW BATTERY LOCATION

This is considered to be an appropriate shift in the location for the Battery Storage Facility as it will move the facility to adjoin Stage 10 which is currently being delivered and further away from Maitland Road. As the remainder of the estate is yet to be developed, it will provide greater flexibility to possible suitable development options across the remaining lots within Stage 11, in particular Lots 1101 and 1102.

POSITIVES AS A RESULT OF THE RELOCATION

The proposed battery facility is almost identical to the approved facility (DA2021/00007) and fits on the new lot. The shift onto Lot 1103 will also see a slight improvement in terms of visual impact as it will be moved further away from Maitland Road.

QUERIES FROM THE PANEL