

DETERMINATION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

SYDNEY NORTH PLANNING PANEL

DATE OF DETERMINATION	21 December 2021
DATE OF DECISION	16 December 2021
PANEL MEMBERS	Peter Debnam (Chair), Brian Kirk and Susan Budd
APOLOGIES	Julie Savet Ward
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

Papers circulated electronically on 2 December 2021

MATTER DETERMINED

PPSSNH –227 - LDA2021/0169 – Ryde, 192 Balaclava Road, Macquarie Park, Macquarie University - Law School Building, Alterations, additions and adaptive reuse of the existing building to provide a new Law School building at the Macquarie University (as described in Schedule 1)

PANEL CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

The Panel considered: the matters listed at item 6, the material listed at item 7 and listed at item 8 in Schedule 1.

The Panel determined to approve the application for the reasons outlined below and in Council's Assessment Report.

The decision was unanimous.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Panel notes the site presently accommodates the existing Macquarie University Law Building. The proposal is for alterations, additions and adaptive reuse of the existing building to provide a new Law School building. The building has been designed with an emphasis on adaptable internal spaces that can accommodate the ongoing growth of Macquarie University. The design was reviewed and generally supported by the Ryde Urban Design Review Panel.

The Panel concurs with Council that the redevelopment of the Law Building will enhance the building's connections with the public domain and surrounding buildings. The Panel also notes the subject application does not include fit-out of the building and will be subject to a separate development application.

The Panel further notes the development application is consistent with the Macquarie University Campus Concept Plan, as modified and the updated Design Excellence Strategy and Urban Design Guidelines. The proposal also complies with the planning requirements under RLEP 2014 and RDCP 2014.

After the consideration of the development against section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the relevant statutory and policy provisions, the Panel concurs with Council that the proposal is suitable for the site and approval would be in the public interest.

CONDITIONS

The Development Application was approved subject to the conditions in Council's Assessment Report with the amendment of Condition 34 to delete the requirement for a rainwater tank.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY VIEWS

In coming to its decision, the Panel notes there were no written submissions made during public exhibition.

PANEL MEMBERS		
P. La Delmann	June Grad.	
Peter Debnam (Chair)	Susan Budd	
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Brian Kirk		

	SCHEDULE 1			
1	PANEL REF – LGA – DA NO.	PPSSNH –227 - LDA2021/0169 – Ryde		
2	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Macquarie University - Law School Building, Alterations, additions and adaptive reuse of the existing building to provide a new Law School building at the Macquarie University		
3	STREET ADDRESS	192 Balaclava Road, Macquarie Park, Macquarie University		
4	APPLICANT/OWNER	Applicant – CBRE Pty Ltd		
		Owner – Macquarie University		
5	TYPE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Crown development with a CIV over \$5million		
6	RELEVANT MANDATORY CONSIDERATIONS	Environmental planning instruments:		
	CONSIDERATIONS	 State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 		
		State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007		
		State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land		
		 Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 		
		State Environmental Planning (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017		
		 State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 		
		Draft Remediation of Land State Environmental Planning Policy		
		Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014		
		City of Ryde Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan 2020		
		Draft environmental planning instruments: Nil		
		Development control plans: Ryde Development Control Plan 2014		
		Planning agreements: Nil		
		 Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000: Nil 		

		Coastal zone management plan: Nil	
		 The likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality 	
		The suitability of the site for the development	
		 Any submissions made in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 or regulations 	
		The public interest, including the principles of ecologically sustainable development	
	MATERIAL CONSIDERED BY	Council assessment report: 15 November 2021	
	THE PANEL	Written submissions during public exhibition: 0	
	MEETINGS AND SITE	Briefing: 22 September 2021	
		 Panel members: Peter Debnam (Chair), Julie Savet Ward, Brian Kirk and Bernard Purcell 	
		 <u>Council assessment staff</u>: Sandra Bailey, Madeline Thomas and Niroshini Stephen 	
		Final briefing to discuss council's recommendation: 15 December 2021	
		o <u>Panel members</u> : Peter Debnam (Chair), Julie Savet Ward and Brian Kirk	
		 <u>Council assessment staff</u>: Sandra Bailey, Madeline Thomas and Niroshini Stephen 	
		 Applicant representatives: Tony Carton, Mario Pellicane, Charles Foley, David Keenan and Kate Tudehope 	
		Papers were circulated electronically on 2 December 2021.	
		 Site inspection - Site inspections have been curtailed due to COVID-19 precautions. Where relevant, Panel members undertook site inspections individually. 	
9	COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	Approval subject to conditions	
10	DRAFT CONDITIONS	Attached to the Council Assessment Report	