

RECORD OF SITE INSPECTION

SYDNEY WESTERN CITY PLANNING PANEL

DETAILS OF SITE INSPECTION

DATE	Monday, 31 October 2022, 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
LOCATION	168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood 2777

SUBJECT MATTER(S)

PPSSWC - 227 - Blue Mountains - x/38/2022 - 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood 2777

A two storey classroom building and demolition of 8 demountable blocks and a sport court, removal of 12 trees, associated landscaping and stormwater works, and upgrades to existing roads.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Justin Doyle (Chair), Louise Camenzuli, Mick Fell, Romola Hollywood
APOLOGIES	Nicole Gurran
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Debbie Pinfold
APPLICANT	Nil

The Panel site inspection was attended by representatives of the Applicant and the Council who together gave an overview of how the DA had developed, and particularly how it had been possible to increase the separation between the proposed new classroom building and the heritage sandstone building by way of a more detailed bushfire management strategy.

The Council advised that no issue of substance remained with the bushfire, ecological or heritage assessments, with the only matter remaining concerning the form of the conservation management agreement. The qualification of the author of the CMP was raised for discussion. The Panel indicated that a registered architect with heritage experience of more than a decade would be adequate in the absence of any formal qualification requirements in the Heritage Council of NSW guidelines for the preparation of a CMP.

Council's ecologist indicated that no tree removal was required.

One issue that arose for discussion is the plan for the relocated demountable classrooms once the new two storey building was complete. The Panel members suggested a schedule for ultimate removal of the demountables be included in the conditions.