

The General Manager Camden Council

15 May 2020

ATTENTION: East DevAdmin

Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to the below email of 24 April 2020 from NSW Planning, Industry & Environment regarding NSW Government concurrence and referral request CNR-7013 for Camden Council's development application DA/2020/202/1 at 1 - 9 PROVIDENCE DRIVE & 2 LAMBERT STREET GLEDSWOOD HILLS 2557 (LOT 289 DP 1230815; LOT 2525 DP 1237379) for 'Subdivision of land to create four superlots, stratum subdivision of superlot No. 3 to create 5 stratum lots, construction of 340 carparking spaces within basements, at grade and under cover car parking spaces, construction of 12 buildings to create a mixed use precinct consisting of a grocer, an 80 place childcare centre, aquatic centre and gymnasium, cinema, medical building, commercial suites and individual tenancies for food and beverage outlets and other retail business', shop top housing comprising 63 apartments in three separate buildings with a mix of 27 x one bedroom, 34 x two bedroom and 2 x three bedroom dwellings, construction of a public road and pedestrian dominated shared way and public domain works, business identification signage, landscaping and associated site works.. Submissions need to be made to Council by 15 May 2020.

As shown in the below site plans from Endeavour Energy's G/Net master facility model (and extract from Google Maps Street View) there are:

- Easements benefitting Endeavour Energy (indicated by red hatching) for, overhead power lines, underground cables and rights of access. Please refer to the attached copy of DP 1215911.
- Adjoins an easement for electricity supply / padmount substation on Lot 1 DP 1241677.
- Low voltage underground cables to the road verges / roadways.

Please note the location, extent and type of any electricity infrastructure, boundaries etc. shown on the plan is indicative only. In addition it must be recognised that the electricity network is constantly extended, augmented and modified and there is a delay from the completion and commissioning of these works until their capture in the model. Generally (depending on the scale and/or features selected), low voltage (normally not exceeding 1,000 volts) is indicated by blue lines and high voltage (normally exceeding 1,000 volts but for Endeavour Energy's network not exceeding 132,000 volts / 132 kV) by red lines (these lines can appear as solid or dashed and where there are multiple lines / cables only the higher voltage may be shown). This plan only shows the Endeavour Energy network and does not show electricity infrastructure belonging to other authorities or customers owned electrical equipment beyond the customer connection point / point of supply to the property. This plan is not a 'Dial Before You Dig' plan under the provisions of Part 5E 'Protection of underground electricity power lines' of the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* (NSW).



Endeavour Energy's G/Net master facility model indicates that the above mentioned easements currently do not have any 'Inservice' electricity infrastructure. Endeavour Energy has noted that the Statement of Environmental Effects does not appear to address the easements or rights of way affecting the site.

Endeavour Energy's Property Services Section has provided the following advice:

These easement were originally created to protect the supply to the former golf club. The developer has removed the old electricity network, installed new reticulation in the public road network and will apply for the release of the vacant easements in conjunction with the connection of load for the future subdivision.

Until the existing easements and rights of way over the site have are released, for any subdivision of the site the easements and rights of access need to be retained over the affects lot/s and in accordance with the requirements of NSW Land Registry Services (LRS).

Until released the Easement Officers & Transmission Mains Branch will treat it, and maintain it like any other existing easement that has 'Inservice' electricity infrastructure.

No construction can take place within the easement until the owner:

- a) obtains written permission from Endeavour Energy; or
- b) the easement is removed from the certificate of title.

Council should include conditions a) and b) as part of any consent granted to the Development Application.

Please also refer to the below points 'Easement Release' and 'Easement Management / Network Access'.

Subject to the satisfactory resolution of the foregoing and the following recommendations and comments Endeavour Energy has no objection to the Development Application.

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• Network Capacity / Connection

Endeavour Energy has noted the following in the Electrical Services Infrastructure Masterplan addressing the suitability of the site for the development in regard to whether electricity services are available and adequate for the proposed development of the Village Retail Centre within this Development Application is in Precinct C.

2.2 Proposed Electrical Infrastructure

During concept development phase of the project, Northrop completed maximum demand calculations based on the concept architectural plans to determine the required utility power services required to supply the proposed development. As there are minimal assets available in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development, there will be insufficient capacity to service a precinct of this scale

A Connection of Load Application was undertaken by the previous electrical consultants on the project, submitted on the 1st of April 2019. As the design of the development has been refined, then maximum demand estimate for the site has changed.

2.2.1 Electricity Supply Strategy

Based on maximum demand calculations undertaken, 2 x 1000kVA padmount substations will be required. The exact supply strategy between each of the building within the precinct will depend upon the lot/title arrangement to meet the developer's future asset management strategy for the site.

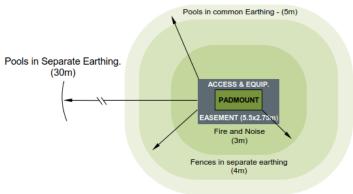
The maximum demand calculation performed for Precinct C was undertaken using a combination of AS/NZS 3000:2018 Table C2 and Endeavour Energy Technical Bulletin TB-0188A.

- Estimated Maximum Demand: 1997 kVA
- Proposed Supply Size: 2 x 1000 kVA Padmount Substations

From Endeavour Energy's perspective the fact that provision is being made for the padmount substations is a positive. As shown in the extract Figure A4.3 'Padmount easements and clearances' from the attached copy of Endeavour Energy's Mains Design Instruction MDI 0044 'Easements and Property Tenure Rights', a padmount substation site requires the provision of:

- Easement with a minimum size of 2.75 x 5.5 metres.
- Restriction for fire rating which usually extends 3 metres horizontally from the base of the substation footing and 6 metres vertically from the same point (and should have regard to any structures etc. attached to the building that may spread a fire).
- Restriction for swimming pools which extends 5 metres from the easement (which in this instance may not be applicable.





The easement and restriction/s should not affect any adjoining property (unless supported by an appropriate easement / restriction). The substation should be at ground level and have direct access from a public street (unless provided with a suitable easement for right of access).

Traditionally Endeavour Energy's preference has been for the utilisation of padmount substations. For new developments particularly within town centres and central business districts where zero and minimal building setbacks are allowed (and which given their size makes the provision of the easements and restrictions for a padmount substation difficult to achieve on site), Endeavour Energy's recommendation is for the distribution substation consideration be given to the use of an indoor design. Whilst indoor substations are predominantly utilised for commercial / office type development, in May 2017 Endeavour Energy's Mains Design Instruction MDI 0028 'Underground distribution network design' was amended to allow certain types of urban multi residential load (UML) (mixed use) developments to utilise either indoor substations where a padmount substation is not practicably possible.

Generally it is the Level 3 Accredited Service Provider's (ASP) responsibility (engaged by the developer) to make sure that the substation location and design complies with Endeavour Energy's standards the suitability of access, safety clearances, fire ratings, flooding etc. As a condition of the Development Application consent Council should request the submission of documentary evidence from Endeavour Energy confirming that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the connection of electricity and the design requirements for the substation, prior to the release of the Construction Certificate / commencement of works.

As well as the capacity of distribution substations, other factors such as the size and rating / load on the conductors and voltage drop (which can affect the quality of supply particularly with long conductor runs) etc. need to be assessed. An extension and/or augmentation of the existing local network may be required but this will not be determined until the final load assessment is completed. Endeavour Energy's preference is to alert proponents / applicants (and Council) of the potential matters that may arise as further development of areas continues to occur.

In due course the applicant for the proposed development of the site will need to submit an application for connection of load via Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch to carry out the final load assessment and the method of supply will be determined. Depending on the outcome of the assessment, any required padmount or indoor substation/s will need to be located within the property (in a suitable and accessible location) and be protected (including any associated cabling) by an easement and associated restrictions benefiting and gifted to Endeavour Energy. Please refer to the attached copy of Endeavour Energy's Mains Design Instruction MDI 0044 'Easements and Property Tenure Rights'.

Further details are available by contacting Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch via Head Office enquiries on telephone: 133 718 or (02) 9853 6666 from 9am - 4:30pm or on Endeavour Energy's website under 'Home > Residential and business > Connecting to our network' via the following link:

http://www.endeavourenergy.com.au/.

Advice on the electricity infrastructure required to facilitate the proposed development can be obtained by submitting a Technical Review Request to Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch, the form for which FPJ6007 is attached and further details (including the applicable charges) are available from Endeavour Energy's website under 'Our connection services'. The response to these enquiries is based upon a desktop review of corporate information systems, and as such does not involve the engagement of various internal stakeholders in order to develop a 'Connection Offer'. It does provide details of preliminary connection requirements which can be considered by the applicant prior to lodging a formal application for connection of load.

Alternatively the applicant should engage a Level 3 Accredited Service Provider (ASP) approved to design distribution network assets, including underground or overhead. The ASP scheme is administered by Energy NSW and details are available on their website via the following link or telephone 13 77 88:

 $\underline{\text{https://energy.nsw.gov.au/government-and-regulation/legislative-and-regulatory-requirements/aspscheme-and-contestable-works} \ .$

Endeavour Energy is urging applicants /customers to engage with an Electrical Consultant prior to finalising plans to in order to assess and incorporate any required electricity infrastructure. In so doing the consideration can also be given to its impact on the other aspects of the proposed development.

In regard to the electricity supply to the other Precincts, the below site plan from Endeavour Energy's G/Net master facility model shows that Lot 2525 DP 1237379 is part of a 'Developer Area' indicated by the proposed subdivision layout. As such, Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch are managing the conditions of supply with the proponent and their Accredited Service Provider (ASP). However the applicant will need to contact Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch if this Development Application:

- o Includes any contestable works projects that are outside of the existing approved / certified works.
- Results in an electricity load that is outside of the existing Supply / Connection Offer requiring the
 incorporation of the additional load for consideration. This is due to load being based on a desktop
 assessment using an After Diversity Maximum Demand (ADMD) where demand is aggregated over a large
 number of customers providing an ADMD for the site / per lot. Depending on the actual development
 proposed for the site, the ADMD provided may not be sufficient.

Network Asset Design

Endeavour Energy's Company Policy 9.2.5 'Network Asset Design', includes the following requirements for electricity connections to new subdivision / development:

5.11 Reticulation policy

5.11.1 Distribution reticulation

In order to improve the reliability performance of and to reduce the operating expenditure on the network over the long term the company has adopted the strategy of requiring new lines to be either underground cables or where overhead is permitted, to be predominantly of covered or insulated construction. Notwithstanding this strategy, bare wire overhead construction is appropriate and permitted in some situations as detailed below.

In areas with the potential for significant overhanging foliage, CCT is used to provide increased reliability as it is less susceptible to outages from wind-blown branches and debris than bare conductors. CCT must only be used in treed² areas as the probability of a direct lightning strike is low. In open areas where the line is not shielded from a direct lightning strike, bare conductors must generally be used for 11kV and 22kV reticulation.

Non-metallic Screened High Voltage Aerial Bundled Cable (NMSHVABC) must be used in areas which are heavily treed and where it is not practicable to maintain a tree clearing envelope around the conductors.

5.11.1.1 Urban areas

Reticulation of new residential subdivisions will be underground. In areas of low bushfire consequence, new lines within existing overhead areas can be overhead, unless underground lines are cost justified or required by either environmental or local council requirements.

Where underground reticulation is required on a feeder that supplies a mixture of industrial, commercial and/or residential loads, the standard of underground construction will apply to all types of load within that development.

Where ducting is used, adequate spare ducts and easements must be provided at the outset to cover the final load requirements of the entire development plan.

Extensions to the existing overhead 11kV/22kV network must generally be underground. Bare wire will be used for conductor replacements and augmentations except in treed areas where CCT or NMSHVABC must be used.

Extensions to the existing overhead LV network and augmentations must either be underground or ABC. Conductor replacements greater than 100m in route length must utilise aerial bundled cable.

Easement Release

Under Endeavour Energy's Company Policy 9.2.3 'Property Tenure for Network Assets', the company will assess all applications for the release of easements to identify and manage risks to its network, commercial and community interests. The company may seek compensation for the extinguishment of property tenure. No easement is considered to be redundant or obsolete until it is released under this policy.

Applications for the release / extinguishment of an easement can only be made by the registered landowners of the encumbered property and are usually done either:

- As part of an application for connection of load or capital works project for a development project eg. where alternative / new network arrangements are to be put in place, which is managed by Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch. Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch will make the applicant or their ASP aware of Endeavour Energy's requirements for the release of easement. Please refer to the above point 'Network Capacity / Connection'.
- At the request of landowners where the electrical assets within the easement have been removed or it has become apparent that the easement has possibly become redundant to Endeavour Energy's future network requirements eg. no electrical assets have ever been installed in the easement. Further details are available by contacting Endeavour Energy's Property Services Section via Head Office enquiries on telephone: 133 718 or (02) 9853 6666 from 9am 4:30pm or email network property@endeavourenergy.com.au (underscore between 'network' and 'property'). The greater amount of detail provided will assist in the assessment of the application.

Earthing

The construction of any building or structure (including fencing, signage, flag poles, hoardings etc.) whether temporary or permanent that is connected to or in close proximity to Endeavour Energy's electrical network is required to comply with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 3000:2018 'Electrical installations' as updated from time to time. This Standard sets out requirements for the design, construction and verification of electrical installations, including ensuring there is adequate connection to the earth. It applies to all electrical installations including temporary builder's supply / connections.

² A "treed" area is one with a substantial number of trees adjacent to the line, in each span. In these situations CCT is used to provide increased reliability as it is less susceptible to outages from wind-blown

Inadequate connection to the earth to allow a leaking/fault current to flow into the grounding system and be properly dissipated places persons, equipment connected to the network and the electricity network itself at risk from electric shock, fire and physical injury.

• Easement Management / Network Access

The following is a summary of the usual / main terms of Endeavour Energy's electrical easements requiring that the landowner:

- o Not install or permit to be installed any services or structures within the easement site.
- o Not alter the surface level of the easement site.
- Not do or permit to be done anything that restricts access to the easement site without the prior written permission of Endeavour Energy and in accordance with such conditions as Endeavour Energy may reasonably impose.

Endeavour Energy's preference is for no activities or encroachments to occur within its easement areas. Most activities are prohibited within the padmount substation easement area. However, if any proposed works (other than those approved / certified by Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch as part of an enquiry / application for load or asset relocation project) will encroach/affect Endeavour Energy's easements, contact must first be made with the Endeavour Energy's Easements Officer, Philip Wilson, on direct telephone 9853 7110 or alternately by email Philip.Wilson@endeavourenergy.com.au or Easements@endeavourenergy.com.au.

For further information please refer to the attached copies of Endeavour Energy's:

- Mains Design Instruction MDI 0044 'Easements and Property Tenure Rights' which deals with activities / encroachments within easements.
- o Guide to Fencing, Retaining Walls and Maintenance Around Padmount Substations.

It is imperative that the access to the existing electrical infrastructure on and in proximity of the site be maintained at all times. To ensure that supply electricity is available to the community, access to the electricity infrastructure may be required at any time. Restricted access to electricity infrastructure by maintenance workers causes delays in power restoration and may have severe consequences in the event of an emergency.

Prudent Avoidance

The electricity industry has adopted a policy of prudent avoidance by doing what can be done without undue inconvenience and at modest expense to avert the possible risk to health from exposure to emissions form electricity infrastructure such as electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and noise which generally increase the higher the voltage ie. Endeavour Energy's network ranges from low voltage (normally not exceeding 1,000 volts) to high voltage (normally exceeding 1,000 volts but not exceeding 132,000 volts / 132 kV).

In practical terms this means that when designing new transmission and distribution facilities, consideration is given to reducing exposure and increasing separation distances to more sensitive uses such as residential or schools, pre-schools, day care centres or where potentially a greater number of people are regularly exposed for extended periods of time.

These emissions are usually not an issue but with Council's permitting or encouraging development with higher density, reduced setbacks and increased building heights, but as the electricity network operates 24/7/365 (all day, every day of the year), the level of exposure can increase.

Endeavour Energy believes that irrespective of the zoning or land use, applicants (and Council) should also adopt a policy of prudent avoidance by the siting of more sensitive uses eg. the office component of an industrial building, away from and less susceptible uses such as garages, non-habitable or rooms not regularly occupied eg. storage areas in a commercial building, towards any electricity infrastructure – including any possible future electricity infrastructure required to facilitate the proposed development.

Where development is proposed near electricity infrastructure, Endeavour Energy is not responsible for any amelioration measures for such emissions that may impact on the nearby proposed development.

Please find attached a copy of Energy Networks Association's 'Electric & Magnetic Fields – What We Know' which can also be accessed via their website at https://www.energynetworks.com.au/electric-and-magnetic-fields and provides the following advice:

Electric fields are strongest closest to their source, and their strength diminishes rapidly as we move away from the source.

The level of a magnetic field depends on the amount of the current (measured in amps), and decreases rapidly once we move away from the source.

Typical magnetic field measurements associated with Endeavour Energy's activities and assets given the required easement widths, safety clearances etc. and having a maximum voltage of 132,000 volt / 132 kV, will with the observance of these separation distances not exceed the recommended magnetic field public exposure limits.

Vegetation Management

The planting of large trees in the vicinity of electricity infrastructure is not supported by Endeavour Energy. Suitable planting needs to be undertaken in proximity of electricity infrastructure (including any new electricity infrastructure required to facilitate the proposed development). Larger trees should be planted well away from electricity infrastructure and even with underground cables, be installed with a root barrier around the root ball of the plant.

Landscaping that interferes with electricity infrastructure may become a potential safety risk, cause of bush fire, restrict access, reduce light levels from streetlights or result in the interruption of supply. Such landscaping may be subject to Endeavour Energy's Vegetation Management program and/or the provisions of the <u>Electricity Supply Act 1995</u> (NSW) Section 48 'Interference with electricity works by trees' by which under certain circumstances the cost of carrying out such work may be recovered.

Dial Before You Dig

Before commencing any underground activity the applicant is required to obtain advice from the *Dial Before You Dig* **1100** service in accordance with the requirements of the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* (NSW) and associated Regulations. This should be obtained by the applicant not only to identify the location of any underground electrical and other utility infrastructure across the site, but also to identify them as a hazard and to properly assess the risk.

Demolition

Demolition work is to be carried out in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2601—2001: 'The demolition of structures' as updated from time to time. All electric cables or apparatus which are liable to be a source of danger, other than a cable or apparatus used for the demolition works shall be disconnected ie. the existing customer service lines will need to be isolated and/or removed during demolition. Appropriate care must be taken to not otherwise interfere with any electrical infrastructure on or in the vicinity of the site eg. streetlight columns, power poles, overhead power lines and underground cables etc.

Asbestos

Endeavour Energy's G/Net master facility model indicates that the site is in an area identified or suspected of having asbestos or asbestos containing materials (ACM) present in the electricity network. Whilst Endeavour Energy's underground detail is not complete within G/Net in some areas, in older communities, cement piping was regularly used for the electricity distribution system and in some instances containing asbestos to strengthen the pipe; for insulation; lightness and cost saving.

When undertaking works on or in the vicinity of Endeavour Energy's electricity distribution network, asbestos or ACM must be identified by a competent person employed by or contracted to the applicant and an asbestos management plan, including its proper disposal, is required whenever construction works has the potential to impact asbestos or ACM.

The company's potential locations of asbestos to which construction / electricity workers could be exposed include:

- o customer meter boards;
- o conduits in ground;
- o padmount substation culvert end panels; and
- o joint connection boxes and connection pits.

Further details are available by contacting Endeavour Energy's Health, Safety & Environment Assurance Section via Head Office enquiries on telephone: 133 718 or (02) 9853 6666 from 9am - 4:30pm.

Site Remediation

Endeavour Energy has noted the following in the Report on Detailed Site Investigation for Contamination:

8. Conclusions

The results of the DSI and previous investigations have identified that the site has historically had earlier history of rural land use and then later for commercial/industrial land-use purposes with the site being used as a rubber manufacturing/processing factory since the early 1980's. The following potentially contaminating activities have been identified as occurring on the site that had the potential for contamination of the site's soils and groundwater:

Several electrical sub-stations existing across the site manufactured before the mid 1980's.

Endeavour Energy's Environmental Business Partner Section have advised that the remediation of soils impacted by various forms of electricity infrastructure is not uncommon eg. transformer oil associated with leaking substations, pole treatment chemicals at the base of timber poles etc. The method of remediation is generally the removal of the electricity infrastructure, excavation of any contaminated soils and their disposal at a licensed land fill. The decommissioning and removal of the redundant electricity infrastructure will be dealt with by Endeavour Energy's Network Connections Branch as part of the application for the connection of load for the new development.

If the applicant has any concerns over the remediation of soils impacted by redundant electricity infrastructure they should contact Environmental Business Partner section via Head Office enquiries on telephone: 133 718 or (02) 9853 6666 from 9am - 4:30pm.

Public Safety

Workers involved in work near electricity infrastructure run the risk of receiving an electric shock and causing substantial damage to plant and equipment. I have attached Endeavour Energy's public safety training resources, which were developed to help general public / workers to understand why you may be at risk and what you can do to work safely. The public safety training resources are also available via Endeavour Energy's website via the following link:

http://www.endeavourenergy.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/ee/nsw/nsw+homepage/communitynav/safety/safety+brochures .

If the applicant has any concerns over the proposed works in proximity of the Endeavour Energy's electricity infrastructure to the road verge / roadway, as part of a public safety initiative Endeavour Energy has set up an email account that is accessible by a range of multiple stakeholders across the company in order to provide more effective lines of communication with the general public who may be undertaking construction activities in proximity of electricity infrastructure such as builders, construction industry workers etc. The email address is Construction.Works@endeavourenergy.com.au .

Emergency Contact

In case of an emergency relating to Endeavour Energy's electrical network, the applicant should note the Emergencies Telephone is 131 003 which can be contacted 24 hours/7 days. Endeavour Energy's contact details should be included in any relevant risk and safety management plan.

I appreciate that not all the foregoing issues may be directly or immediately relevant or significant to the Development Application. However, Endeavour Energy's preference is to alert proponents / applicants of the potential matters that may arise should development within closer proximity of the existing and/or required electricity infrastructure needed to facilitate the proposed development on or in the vicinity of the site occur.

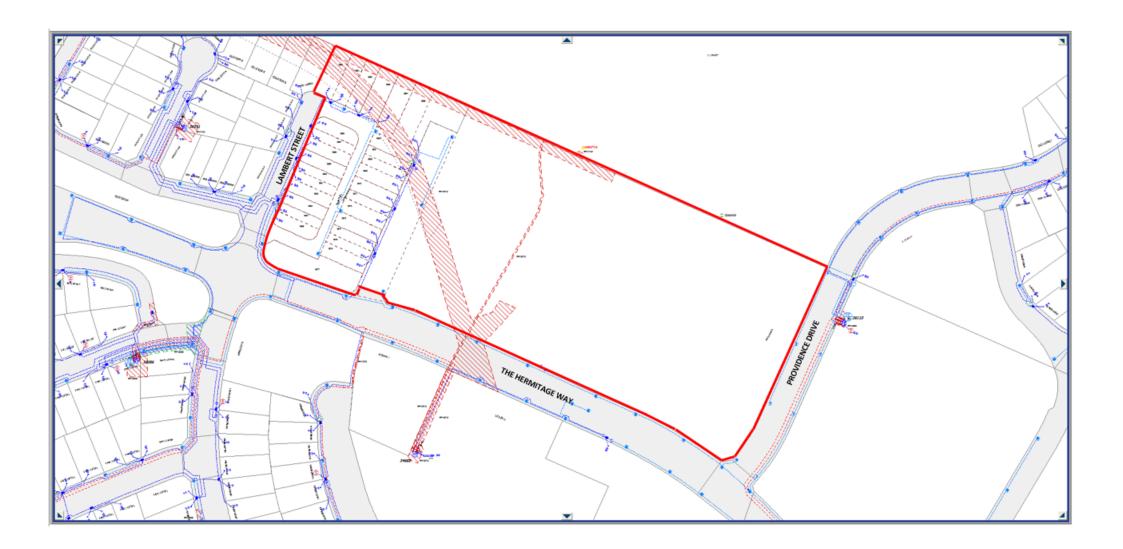
Could you please pass on a copy of this submission and the attached resources to the applicant? Should you wish to discuss this matter, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the contacts identified above in relation to the various matters. Due to the high number of development application / planning proposal notifications submitted to Endeavour Energy, to ensure a response contact by email to property.development@endeavourenergy.com.au is preferred.

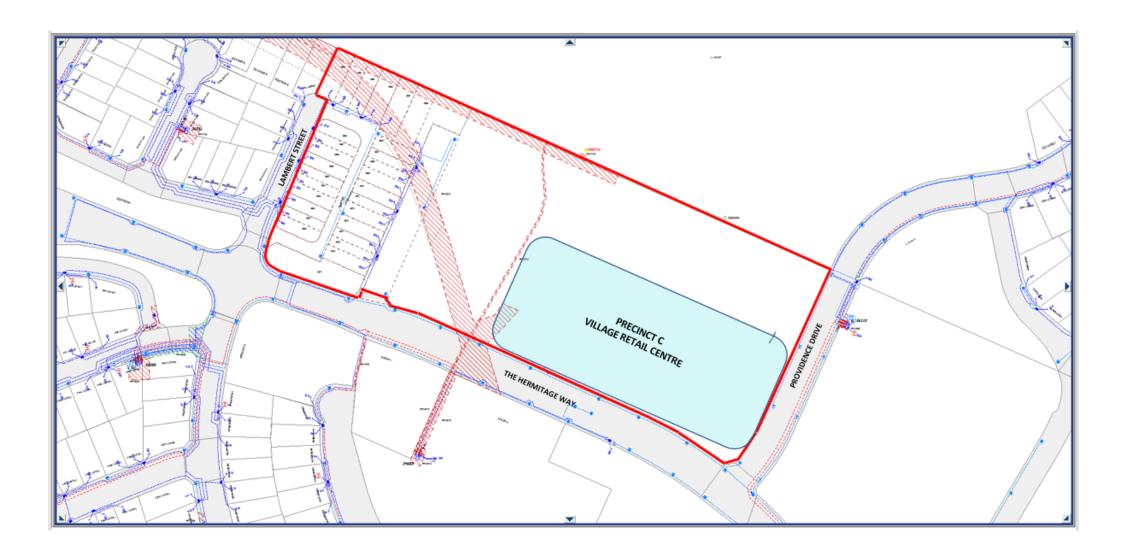
With the current COVID-19 health risk, as many as possible of Endeavour Energy staff are working from home. As a result there is only a small contingent located at the Huntingwood head office for essential operations. Although working from home, access to emails and other internal stakeholders is now somewhat limited and as a result it may take longer than usual to respond to enquiries. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Yours faithfully Cornelis Duba Development Application Specialist Network Environment & Assessment M: 0455 250 981

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Subject: NSW Government concurrence and referral request CNR-7013(CAMDEN COUNCIL)



A request for NSW Government agency consideration of an application DA/2020/202/1 at 1 PROVIDENCE DRIVE GLEDSWOOD HILLS 2557 was submitted to your agency on 24 April 2020 .

Pre-assessment of this application is required.

Please log into the <u>NSW Planning Portal</u> to progress your assessment of the request, reference number CNR-7013.

You can find general information about the online concurrence and referral system here or call our help line on 1300 305 695.

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