

# Notice of decision SSD 9692 Mod 1 Alterations and Additions to Meriden School-Mod1

Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

<b>Application type</b>	State significant development modification
<b>Application number and project name</b>	SSD-9692-Mod-1 Alterations and Additions to Meriden School-Mod-1
<b>Applicant</b>	MERIDEN SCHOOL
<b>Consent Authority</b>	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

## Decision

The Director Social and Infrastructure under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has, under 4.55(1A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act)* modified the consent subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the instrument of modification, conditions and the Department's assessment report is available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/37086>.

## Date of decision

29 January 2021

## 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 2000*;
- the reasons given by the consent authority for the grant of the original consent;
- the objects of the Act;
- all information submitted with the modification application during the assessment and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report;
- the submissions made concerning the modification; 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 decision maker was satisfied that the modification is of minimal environmental impact and that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted was modified.

The key reasons for granting the modification are as follows:

- the modification is permissible with consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies including the NSW Future Transport Strategy 2056, Greater Sydney Commission's Eastern City District Plan, State Infrastructure Strategy Update 2018-2038.
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards, including the EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009); and
- the issues raised during community consultation and submission received has been considered and have been adequately addressed by the proposal and the recommended conditions of consent.
- weighing all relevant considerations, the modification is in the public interest.

## Attachment 1 – Consideration of Community Views

The Department exhibited the modification from 4 October 2020 and 27 October 2020 (14 days) and received 1 submission from a local resident objecting to the project living within 2 kilometres of the project site.

The Department considered the submission issues raised were adequately considered by the Applicant's application.

The key issues raised by the community (including in submissions) and considered in the Department's Assessment Report and by the decision maker include road traffic and congestion impacts. Other issues are addressed in detail in the Department's Assessment Report.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Consideration</i>
<p><i>Traffic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community was concerned that the increase in student numbers would have the potential to adversely impact traffic and congestion on roads around the School site.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department is satisfied that no adverse impact on traffic and congestion on roads around the School site would occur as a result of the proposal and has considered the Applicant's assessment of these issues.</li> <li>The Department has noted advice from TfNSW that the proposal would not have significant impact upon road, traffic and transport in the area around the proposal.</li> </ul> <p><i>Conditions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Applicant has submitted an updated Green Travel Plan (GTP) to address this issue, which encourages students and staff to use public transport, and pedestrian modes of transport.</li> </ul>