

Decision Statement

Autism Spectrum Australia, Western Sydney

Alterations and Addition Works – Administration Building

1. Background

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is the proponent for minor internal alterations and additions to the existing school administration building at the Aspect Western Sydney campus, 295 Victoria Street, Wetherill Park (the site).

The proposed activity has been classified as a Class 1 - Review of Environmental Factors (REF) 'minor school development' in accordance with the NSW Code of Practice for Part 5 Activities for registered non-government schools (the Code).

EPM Projects has prepared a REF to assess the potential impacts of the proposal in accordance with Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), Section 171 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation) and the Code. The relevant REF prepared by EPM is dated 26 April 2023 and identified as revision B. This Decision Statement relates to an REF addendum dated 17 July 2023 (Rev B).

In order for the activity to proceed, the school must make a determination of the REF in accordance with Part 5 of the EP&A Act.

2. Description of the proposed activity

The proposed activity comprises of:

- minor internal alterations and additions, including structural alterations and fitout to the administration building.

The proposed modifications comprise minor amendments to the extent of demolition and alterations to the existing administration building.

3. Consideration of Environmental impacts

Environmental impacts generated by the proposal will be minimal for the following reasons:

- There is no change to the existing building footprints or envelopes;
- The proposal is consistent with the existing school use;
- The proposal is compatible with the existing surrounding land uses; and
- The proposal will not generate an increase in staff or student numbers or vehicle movements to the site.

The main issues discussed in the REF relate to:

- Legislative planning requirements of Commonwealth, State and local planning policies and legislation, specifically Chapter 3 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (the T&I SEPP);
- Environmental considerations including bushfire, BCA compliance and waste management.

The REF addresses the requirements of Part 5 of the EP&A Act by considering, to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment from the proposed activity. The REF also considers factors prescribed under s. 171 of the EP&A Regulation.

4. Conclusion

The REF concludes that the works are internal works to an existing building only and are consistent with applicable plans and policies with regard to bushfire and BCA and includes appropriate mitigation measures related to an appropriate waste management plan during the demolition and construction works.

The key conclusions of the environmental impacts detailed in the REF are accepted for the following reasons:

- The REF has been prepared by persons appropriately qualified and trained to consider and assess the impacts of the proposal.
- The REF provides a true and fair review of the proposal concerning its potential effects on the environment; and
- The REF is comprehensive and takes into account, to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the proposal.

5. Determination

I, Carmen Izurieta am authorised by Aspect as Chief Operating Officer, to determine the proposal for the minor internal alterations and additions at the Aspect Western Sydney campus, 295 Victoria Street, Wetherill Park and have not conducted the prior assessment of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).


I have reviewed and examined the REF addendum prepared by EPM Projects for the proposed minor internal alterations and additions, in accordance with Part 5 of the EP&A Act.

Having taken into consideration the assessment and evaluation of the proposal outlined in the REF, I determine that it is not likely to significantly affect the environment, and is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats. I determine that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Species Impact Statement (SIS) are not required.

The proposed activity may now proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with any relevant provisions of the National Construction Code (NCC).
2. Implementation and compliance with the mitigation measures stipulated in Section 6 of the REF.

I can confirm that this Decision Statement and the REF for the proposal will be made available on the school's website prior to the commencement of the proposed activity.

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Carmen Izurieta
Chief Operating Officer
18th July 2023