

Section 171 Factors

In addition to the requirements of the Guideline for Division 5.1 assessments (DPE 2022) and the Roads and Related Facilities EIS Guideline (DUAP 1996) as detailed in the REF, the following factors, listed in section 171 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, have also been considered to assess the likely impacts of the proposal on the natural and built environment.

| Factor | Impact |
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| a Any environmental impact on a community? The proposal would have impacts during construction (visual, noise, traffic) but would improve public domain and public transport efficiency over the longer term | Short-term negative Long-term positive |
| b Any transformation of a locality? The proposal would alter the existing use of 117 Railway Road, however, would not lead to a major transformation of the locality. | Short-term negative |
| c Any environmental impact on the ecosystems of the locality? The proposal involves the removal of trees and vegetation that do not support ecosystems due to their heavily fragmented nature. | Minor short-term negative |
| d Any reduction of the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or other environmental quality or value of a locality? The proposal would have visual impacts associated with the noise wall, bus layover pavement and removal of trees. These would reduce over time with the implementation of appropriate landscaping and design measures. | Moderate short-term and long-term negative |
| e Any effect on a locality, place or building having aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific or social significance or other special value for present or future generations? The proposal is not expected to affect Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal heritage. | Nil |
| f Any impact on the habitat of protected fauna (within the meaning of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>)? The proposal is not expected to impact the habitat of protected fauna. | Nil |
| g Any endangering of any species of animal, plant or other form of life, whether living on land, in water or in the air? The project includes the removal of 0.08ha of degraded vegetation. No threatened ecological communities or threatened flora will be impacted by the activity. The vegetation within the proposal area is in poor condition, fragmented, and located within a disturbed landscape that makes potential use by threatened fauna species unlikely. | Minor short term negative |
| h Any long-term effects on the environment? The proposal would improve the safety of road users and lead to improved provision of public transport services in the area. | Long-term positive |
| i Any degradation of the quality of the environment? Some degradation on the quality of the environment is expected during construction (noise, visual) and operation (noise, visual). Measures such as noise attenuation and urban design treatments would minimise these impacts. | Minor short and long-term negative. |
| j Any risk to the safety of the environment? The proposal does not represent a risk to the safety of the environment. | Nil |
| k Any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment? | Nil |

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| The proposal would not reduce the range of beneficial uses of the environment. | |
| l Any pollution of the environment? No pollution of the environment is expected as a result of the construction or operation of the proposal following implementation of the proposed management measures. | Nil |
| m Any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste? No l major impacts associated with the disposal of waste are expected with the implementation of the proposed management measures. Any waste generated on site would be disposed of in accordance with the relevant legislation. | Nil |
| n Any increased demands on resources (natural or otherwise) that are, or are likely to become, in short supply? The proposal would not increase the demand on resources that are, or are likely to become, in short supply. . | Nil |
| o Any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities? No cumulative impacts are expected as a result of the proposal. | Nil |
| p Any impact on coastal processes and coastal hazards, including those under projected climate change conditions? No impact on coastal processes and coastal hazards are expected as a result of the proposal. | Nil |
| q Applicable local strategic planning statements, regional strategic plans or district strategic plans made under the Act, Division 3.1, The relevant regional strategic plan is the Greater Sydney Region Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities (Greater Sydney Commission, 2018). The relevant district plan is the Eastern City District Plan (Greater Sydney Commission, 2018). The relevant local strategic planning statement is Our Place Inner West: Local Strategic Planning Statement (Inner West Council, 2020). | Consistent |
| r Other relevant environmental factors. | In considering the potential impacts of this proposal all relevant environmental factors have been considered, refer to Chapter 6.7 of this assessment. |

Matters of National Environmental Significance and Commonwealth land

Under the environmental assessment provisions of the EPBC Act, the following matters of national environmental significance and impacts on Commonwealth land are required to be considered to assist in determining whether the proposal should be referred to the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water .

A referral is not required for proposed actions that may affect nationally-listed threatened species, endangered ecological communities and migratory species. Impacts on these matters are still assessed as part of the REF in accordance with Australian Government significant impact criteria and taking into account relevant guidelines and policies.

| Factor | Impact |
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| a Any impact on a World Heritage property? The proposal would have no impact on a World Heritage property. | Nil |
| b Any impact on a National Heritage place? The proposal would not have any impact on a National Heritage Place. | Nil |
| c Any impact on a wetland of international importance? No impacts on a wetland of international importance as a result of the proposal are expected. | Nil |
| d Any impact on a listed threatened species or communities? Assessments of significant impact under BC Act and EPBC Act were undertaken, and it was determined that no significant impact to any threatened species or communities was likely occur. Further details are contained in Section 6.1. | Nil |
| e Any impacts on listed migratory species? No impact on list migratory species is expected as a result of the proposal. | Nil |
| f Any impact on a Commonwealth marine area? The proposal would not have any impact on a Commonwealth marine area. | Nil |
| g Does the proposal involve a nuclear action (including uranium mining)? The proposal does not involve a nuclear action. | Nil |
| h Additionally, any impact (direct or indirect) on the environment of Commonwealth land? The proposal would not impact Commonwealth land. | Nil |