

# Decision Statement

| Project details      |                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Project name         | Hill Road Upgrade                                                                                                                                                             |
| Project location     | Lidcombe                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Activity description | Removal of vegetation located within the traffic islands at the north-eastern corner of the Parramatta Road and Hill Road intersection, as well as adjacent to the M4 on-ramp |

Division 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) applies to the proposal. An addendum review of environmental factors (REF) has been prepared and considered against the requirements of sections 5.5 and 5.7 of the EP&A Act. This assessment is considered to be in accordance with the factors required to be considered under section 171 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation).

In addition, this assessment has considered impacts to threatened species, ecological communities and migratory species listed under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth) (EPBC Act).

Transport for NSW has determined under delegated authority that the activity detailed in the Hill Road Upgrade addendum REF **may proceed** for the following reasons:

## 1. Significance of impact on the environment

The proposal described in the addendum REF will have some environmental impacts which can be ameliorated satisfactorily. This assessment has considered that these impacts are unlikely to be significant and therefore an environmental impact statement does not need to be prepared and approval for the proposal does not need to be sought under Division 5.2 of the *EP&A Act*. Various safeguards and management measures are proposed.

## 2. Significance of impact on NSW-listed biodiversity matters

The addendum REF has considered the potential impacts of the proposal on areas of outstanding biodiversity value and on threatened species, ecological communities or their habitats for both terrestrial and aquatic species as defined by the *BC Act* and the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

The proposal described in the addendum REF will not affect areas of outstanding value or significantly affect other biodiversity values listed under the *BC Act*. Therefore, the concurrence of the Coordinator-General Environment, Energy and Science Group, DPE and a species impact statement or a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is not required.

The proposal described in the addendum REF will not significantly affect biodiversity values listed under the FM Act.

## 3. Significance of impact on nationally-listed biodiversity matters

The addendum REF has considered the potential impacts of the proposal on threatened species, ecological communities and migratory species as defined in the EPBC Act.

The proposal is not likely to significantly impact nationally-listed threatened species, ecological communities or migratory species.

## 4. Impacts to Commonwealth land and matters of national environmental significance

The assessment has also addressed the potential impacts of the proposal on [other] matters of national environmental significance and any impacts on the environment of Commonwealth land and concluded that there will be no significant impacts. Therefore, there is no need for a referral to be made to the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for a decision by the

Australian Government Minister for the Environment on whether assessment and approval is required under the [EPBC Act](#).

**5. Tree and hollow replacement (including amenity trees)**

Trees and hollows to be removed have been assessed and replacement has been identified in accordance with Transport for NSW's Tree and Hollow Replacement Guideline.

The addendum REF identified a range of environmental outcomes and safeguards that would be required to avoid or reduce the environmental impacts. After consideration of the issues raised in the public submissions, the environmental safeguards for the proposal have been updated as outlined in section 7.2 of the addendum REF.

Having regard to the Addendum Review of Environmental Factors, I determine the activity may proceed:

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| Signature                 |  |
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| Position                  | Director                                                                          |
| Branch                    | Community & Stakeholder Engagement (Sydney West)                                  |
| Division                  | Planning, Integration and Passenger                                               |
| Date of determination     | 3/10/2025                                                                         |