



24 June 2017

Director, Commission Secretariat
Planning Assessment Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

By post and email: pac@pac.nsw.gov.au

Dear Director

Application for information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*

Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764)

1. We act for the the Wollar Progress Association Inc (**WPA**), a local community group based in Wollar, NSW. WPA are concerned about the impacts of the recently approved Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764) (**Project**), on the community of Wollar.
2. We refer to the decision of the Planning Assessment Commission (**PAC**) to grant development consent to the Project on 24 April 2017 (**Consent**).
3. We write to request access to documents under section 41 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW).

Documents requested

4. On behalf of our client we seek copies of the following information:
 - a. All draft versions of the meeting note of the public hearing held on 29 November 2016 regarding the Project, and all correspondence and records of communications, including between PAC members, regarding that hearing;
 - b. All draft versions of the Review Report for the Project dated 20 December 2016, and all correspondence and records of communications, including between members of the PAC, regarding that Review Report;
 - c. All internal records of communications held by the PAC relating to the decision to grant the Consent, including the following:
 - i. All draft versions of the meeting note of the public meeting held on 11 April 2017 regarding the Project, and all correspondence and records of communications, including between PAC members, regarding that meeting;
 - ii. All draft versions of the Determination Report for the Project dated 24 April 2017, and all correspondence and records of

communications, including between members of the PAC, regarding that Determination Report and the decision to grant the Consent; and

- iii. All correspondence, records of communications and other documents detailing the process and procedures adopted by the PAC in reaching the decision to grant the Consent; and
 - d. All documents held by the PAC detailing the process and procedures adopted by the PAC in relation to the carrying out of their function to determine development applications, as delegated by the Minister via the instrument of delegation dated 14 September 2011.
5. This request excludes any information publicly available and any information supplied in response to our previous application dated 12 May 2017.

Request for fee waiver

6. We **enclose** a cheque in the sum of \$30 by way of the access application fee.
7. Our client is a local, not-for-profit community group. Our client considers the information the subject of this application could reasonably be expected to inform it about the considerations made by the PAC in determining to grant the Consent, and the processes adopted by the PAC in determining to grant the Consent, including whether those considerations were made in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.
8. Accordingly, our client requests a reduction or full waiver of any processing charges that might ordinarily apply on the basis that this application is made in the public interest and seeks access to information that is of special benefit for the Wollar community whom will be impacted by the Project.
9. In the alternative, we ask that any fees associated be reduced by 50% pursuant to section 66 of the GIPA Act. This section provides that processing charges may be reduced where there is a special public benefit to the general public.
10. We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Please contact me on (02) 9262 6989 or via ross.mackay@edonsw.org.au if you have any questions about this application. Our client requests that documents are provided by email to the above address.

Yours sincerely

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Solicitor

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