

SECTION 9 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

This section documents the matters specified in the EP&A Amendment (Infrastructure & Other Planning Reform) Regulation for environmental assessment and Ministerial consideration.

Section 75(I) of the EP&A Act requires that the Director-General is to give a report on a project to the Minister for the purpose of the Ministers consideration of the application for approval to carry out the project.

Section 75J of the Act specifies that the Minister, when deciding whether or not to approve the carrying out of a project, is to consider, inter alia:

(a) The Director-Generals report on the project and the reports, advice and recommendations contained in the report.

Clause 8B of the EP&A Amendment (Infrastructure & Other Planning Reform) Regulation specifies the matters to be included in that report.

The following matters are of relevance to the proposed development.

8B(a) An assessment of the environmental impact of the project

Primary Matters	Reference in Document
Context and Setting	The majority of the development site is zoned for industrial and related development except for certain areas on which the development is not permissible.
Access, Transport and Traffic	The development site is adjacent to the Main Western Railway and has access to the M7 Motorway and the Sydney Motorway Network.
Public Domain	There would be minor air quality, noise and visual impacts on adjacent recreation areas. These would be minimised by on-site controls including acoustic shielding and landscaping.
Utilities	There would be no change to the existing water and electricity supply as a result of the proposed activities and the site is serviced by Sydney Water sewage system. Transmission lines owned by RailCorp would be subject to minor relocation/realignment.
Heritage	There are no heritage sites impacted by the proposal.
Water	The RDC minimises impact on surface water flows and quality and the impact on Angus Creek. The design incorporates measures to ensure there would be no impact on flood flows.
Air and Microclimate	Local impacts of dust would be minimised by the control measures installed in the RDC.
Flora and Fauna	There would be no significant impacts on flora and fauna and the EMP control measures to protect and rehabilitate area of remnant native vegetation.
Waste	Minimal waste would be produced from the operation on the site.

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Energy	The use of rail for the transportation of bulk construction materials would minimise fuel consumption. The use of the Sydney Motorway network would facilitate deliveries to customers and reduce fuel consumption.
Noise	Noise levels at residences comply with the goals. There would be minor exceedances in the adjoining Nurragingy Reserve during construction as described in Technical Report No 6.
Natural Hazards	Site would operate in a manner to reduce the risk associated with any hazards associated with the operation of the RDC.
Safety, Security and Crime Prevention	Safety and security would be addressed in the EMP.
Social Impact in the Locality	Impacts on the amenity of the local area have been addressed and the mitigation measures discussed.
Economic Impact in the locality	The economic impact on the Blacktown LGA and the Greater Western Sydney Region is positive and is described in Technical Report No 9.
Cumulative Impacts	No significant cumulative impacts have been identified.

8B(b) Any aspects of the public interest that the Director-General considers relevant to the project

Primary Matters	Reference in Document
Australian, NSW and Local government interests and community interests	Consultation was undertaken as part of the EAR and the process is described in Sections 1 and 4.

8B (c) The suitability of the site for the project

Primary Matters	Reference in Document
Does the proposal fit in the locality?	The site is primarily zoned for industrial purposes. The proposed RDC has been designed so as to minimise any adverse on site environmental impacts,
Are the site attributes conducive to development?	

8B(d) Copies of submissions received by the Director-General in connection with public consultation under 75H or a summary of the issues raised in those submissions.

Primary Matters	Reference in Document
Public submissions	No formal public submissions have been received. Input from the community consultation process is described in Section 4.