

ITEM 22

PROPOSED GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND CABLES OVER LOT 18 DP 854650 HUXLEY DRIVE, HORSLEY

Endeavour Energy is proposing to install an 11kV underground electricity cable to link the existing substation on Huxley Drive to the existing substation on Rainbird Drive to provide a connection between the residential areas of Horsley and West Dapto.

The proposed route of the underground cable will cross through a Council public reserve located off Huxley Drive known as Lot 18 DP 854650.

It is proposed an Easement for Underground Cables 3m wide and approximately 190m long be created to protect the long term integrity of the cable.

This report seeks approval to the grant of the easement.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council authorise the grant of an Easement for Underground Cables 3m Wide in favour of Endeavour Energy over Lot 18 DP 854650 Huxley Drive, Horsley, as shown by heavy black dashed line on the attachment to this report.
- 2 Council accept the payment of \$1,530 (+ GST) from Endeavour Energy as compensation for the grant of the easement.
- 3 Approval be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to the Transfer Granting Easement document and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Peter Coyte, Manager Property and Recreation

Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Engaged City (Acting)

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of route of proposed Easement for Underground Cables 3m Wide over Lot 18 DP 854650 Huxley Drive, Horsley

BACKGROUND

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It is proposed an Easement for Underground Cables 3m wide and approximately 190m long be created to protect the long term integrity of the cable.

Endeavour Energy has offered \$1,530 (+ GST) to Council as compensation for the grant of the easement, which is considered to be a fair and reasonable amount considering that the Council land is located within medium and high risk flood zones. The installation of the cable will have no impact above ground and will therefore still allow the public to use the reserve as it was intended.

Lot 18 DP 854650 is classified as Community Land and under Section 46 of the Local Government Act 1993, an easement for public utilities can be granted over Community Land.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed Council approve the granting of an Easement for Underground Cables 3 Wide over the 11kV underground cable in favour of Endeavour Energy over Lot 18 DP 854650 Huxley Drive, Horsley as shown by heavy black dashed line on the attachment to this report.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Council's divisions had no objection to the proposal.

68 letters were sent to local residents in the vicinity of the Council land, a sign was placed on the land and a notice published in the Wollongong Advertiser on 20 September 2017 giving 28 days for comment. No submissions were received.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Council's policy "Land and Easement Acquisition and Disposal".

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2022 goal "We are a healthy community in a liveable city".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Property Services Service Plan 2017-18.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council will receive \$1,530 (+ GST) in compensation for the grant of the easement, which is considered to be a fair and reasonable amount. Endeavour Energy will be responsible for all costs in creating the easement.

CONCLUSION

As the proposed installation of the underground cable will connect the residential areas of Horsley and West Dapto, it is recommended the grant of the easement be approved.

