

ITEM 5

PROPOSED GRANT OF EASEMENT OVER COUNCIL LAND KNOWN AS LOT 1 DP 347972, THOMAS DALTON PARK, FAIRY MEADOW

Council is undertaking a project to upgrade the power supply at Thomas Dalton Park known as Lot 1 DP 347972 to allow for the installation of additional sports field lighting. The project involves the installation of a new underground cable from the transformer on Carters Lane to a distribution pillar within Thomas Dalton Park. Prior to installation, Endeavour Energy requires that Council grant an easement for the underground cable over part of Lot 1 DP 347972. This report seeks approval to the grant of the easement.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Pursuant to section 46(1)(a1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council resolves to grant an easement for an underground cable 1.0m wide and 25.0m long over Council Community land being Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow known as Lot 1 DP 347972, in favour of Endeavour Energy, as shown crosshatched on Attachment 1.
- 2 Approval be granted for the General Manager to sign Endeavour Energy's document entitled *Agreement for Entry, Grant, and Creation of Easement* and related documents.
- 3 Approval be granted to affix the Common Seal of Council to the survey plan, Section 88B Instrument and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Lucielle Power, Manager Property + Recreation  
Authorised by: Kerry Hunt, Director Community Services - Creative and Innovative City

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map of Proposed Easement to be granted over Lot 1 DP 347972
- 2 Aerial Map of Proposed Easement to be granted over Lot 1 DP 347972

### BACKGROUND

A key initiative of Council's adopted Sports Grounds and Sports Facilities Strategy 2017-2021 is to install sports field lighting at Council sports fields which meet the Australian Standard.

The existing lighting to the northern end of Thomas Dalton Park does not comply with the current lighting standards required for AFL and Touch Football training and does not provide adequate coverage to maximise the training space on Thomas Dalton Park.

Since 2015, there have been numerous requests from the community to provide improved sports field lighting to this currently underutilised portion of Thomas Dalton Park. In response to those requests, Council is undertaking a project to install approximately 10 lighting towers with an estimated 50 LED luminaires.

An assessment of the current electrical network to Thomas Dalton Park has determined that the current power supply is insufficient to supply the proposed additional sports field lighting. To ensure that the power supply to Thomas Dalton Park can cater for the new lighting as well as service the existing amenities block and other facilities, the most cost effective solution is to upgrade the existing pole transformer on Carters Land and install a dedicated power supply from the transformer to a new distribution pillar.

Due to the existing channel on the western boundary of Thomas Dalton Park and limited space along Carters Lane, the new distribution pillar will need to be located within Thomas Dalton Park, and a Low Voltage 415V underground cable will be installed to connect the new distribution pillar to the transformer on Carters Lane.

In accordance with its standard practice, Endeavour Energy requires that Council grant an easement for the underground cable 1.0m wide and 25.0m long over part of Thomas Dalton Park as shown crosshatched on the attachments to this report.

## PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council approve the grant of an easement for underground cable 1.0m wide and 25.0m long over Council Community land being Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow known as Lot 1 DP 347972, in favour of Endeavour Energy, as shown crosshatched on Attachment 1.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation was carried out with relevant Council divisions including:

- Parks and Open Space
- Recreation
- Land Use Planning
- Heritage
- Transport and Stormwater Services.

There were no objections to the proposed easement.

Consultation was also carried out with Council's Project Delivery team in relation to the technical aspects of the project.

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal "We have a healthy community in a liveable city".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Property Service Plan 2020-21 and aligns with the Sportsfields and Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017-2021.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

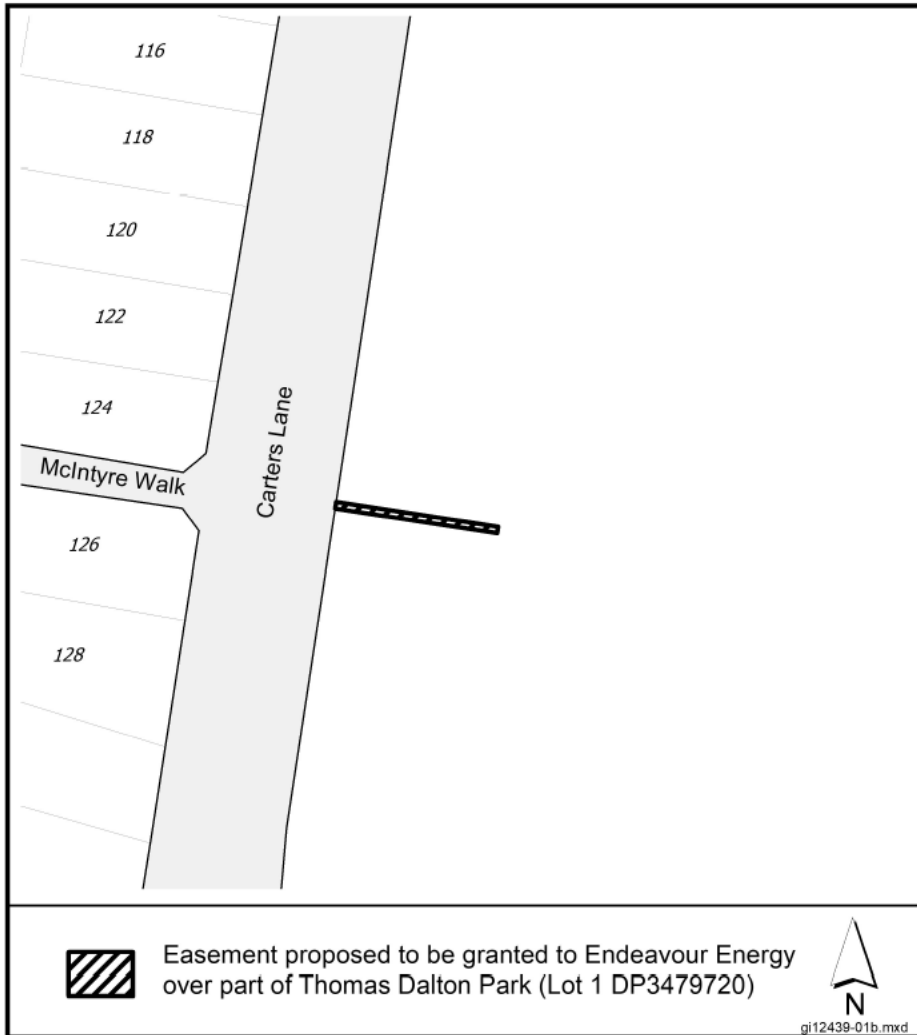
Council will not receive any compensation for granting the easement, due to the fact that the easement is required by Council to facilitate Council's project to upgrade the sports field lighting.

Council will incur survey costs in relation to the easement which are estimated at \$5,000.00.

Council will also incur fees when registering the easement which are estimated to be \$500.00.

## CONCLUSION

As part of its project to upgrade the power supply at Thomas Dalton Park to allow for the installation of additional sports field lighting, Council must install a new underground cable from the transformer on Carters Lane to a distribution pillar within Thomas Dalton Park. By granting an easement to Endeavour Energy for the underground cable over part of Thomas Dalton Park, Council will be able to install the cable and subsequently will be in a position to complete the upgrade of the sports field lighting.



Easement proposed to be granted to Endeavour Energy  
over part of Thomas Dalton Park (Lot 1 DP347972)



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