

## DETERMINATION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

### WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL – WOLLONGONG LOCAL PLANNING PANEL (WLPP)

DATE OF DETERMINATION	14 September 2021
PANEL MEMBERS	Sue Francis (Chair), Sue Hobley, Glenn Falson, Bernard Hibbard (Community Representative)

Public meeting held at Wollongong City Council, Level 9 Function Room, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong on 14 September 2021 opened at 5:00pm and closed at 6.13pm

#### MATTER DETERMINED

DA-2021/384 - Lot 2 DP 19066, Lot 3 DP 19066, Lot 4 DP 19066, Lot 5 DP 19066, Lot 6 DP 19066, Lot 11 DP 717404, Lot 1 DP 782714, Lot 2 DP 782714, Coledale Public School, 699 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Coledale (as described in detail in schedule 1).

#### PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Panel was addressed by one submitter.

There was no representative from the applicant

#### PANEL CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

The Panel considered the matters listed at item 7, and the material presented at the meeting and the matters observed at site inspections listed at item 8 in Schedule 1.

The Panel determined to defer the development application as described in Schedule 1 pursuant to section 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The decision was unanimous.

#### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The reasons for the decision of the Panel were:

1. There is no demonstrated justification or need for the sign.
2. Having heard from a local resident and having read submissions from other residents, the Panel was concerned about the form and function of the proposed sign, specifically in relation to the historic nature of the school and its particular natural environmental setting.
3. Visibility of the existing sign, if a concern, could be addressed by management of existing vegetation.
4. Concern was also raised in relation to the hours of operation given that the site sits within the shadow of the Illawarra Escarpment





These matters need to be discussed with the applicant before any amendment may be suggested by the Panel and this was not able to be done at the meeting. Accordingly, the Panel resolved to defer this application to allow the Council to address these concerns with the applicant.

In addressing these concerns, the Panel would like the Council to:

1. Clarify the need for the illuminated sign.
2. Justify the appropriateness of the design in the context of the historic school and the natural environment.
3. Justify the need for such extended hours of operation.

In this respect the Panel considers 7.00am to 5.00pm to be reasonable.

The above details shall be provided to Council following which a supplementary report to be provided to the Panel. The Panel will determine the matter electronically.

PANEL MEMBERS	
 Sue Francis (Chair)	 Sue Hobley
 Glenn Falson	 Bernard Hibbard (Community Representative)

SCHEDULE 1		
1	DA NO.	DA-2021/384
2	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Signage - LED signage board
3	STREET ADDRESS	Coledale Public School, 699 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, COLEDALE NSW 2515 Lot 1 DP 782714, Lot 2 DP 782714, Lot 2 DP 19066, Lot 3 DP 19066, Lot 4 DP 19066, Lot 5 DP 19066, Lot 6 DP 19066, Lot 11 DP 717404
4	APPLICANT/OWNER	Greg Barnes / Department of Education
5	REASON FOR REFERRAL	Pursuant to part 2(b) of Schedule 2 of the Local Planning Panels Direction the application is the subject of 10 or more unique submissions by way of objection.
6	RELEVANT MANDATORY CONSIDERATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Environmental planning instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o State Environmental Planning Policy No 55 – Remediation of Land</li> <li>o State Environmental Planning Policy No 64—Advertising and Signage</li> <li>o State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018</li> <li>o Wollongong Local Environment Plan 2009</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Wollongong City - Wide Development Contributions Plan 2019</li> <li>7. Development control plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009</li> </ul> </li> <li>8. The likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality</li> <li>9. The suitability of the site for the development</li> <li>10. Any submissions made in accordance with the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> or regulations</li> <li>11. The public interest, including the principles of ecologically sustainable development</li> </ol>
7	MATERIAL CONSIDERED BY THE PANEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Council assessment report dated 14 September 2021</li> <li>· Council memo dated 14 September 2021 regarding Draft SEPPs</li> <li>· Written submissions during public exhibition: 11</li> <li>· Verbal submissions at the public meeting: One</li> </ul>
8	SITE INSPECTIONS BY THE PANEL	Virtual Site inspection 14 September 2021. Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <u>Panel members</u>: Sue Francis (Chair), Sue Hobley, Glenn Falson, Bernard Hibbard (Community Representative)</li> <li>o <u>Council assessment staff</u>: Brigit Mathai</li> </ul>
9	COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	Approve
10	DRAFT CONDITIONS	Attached to the council assessment report