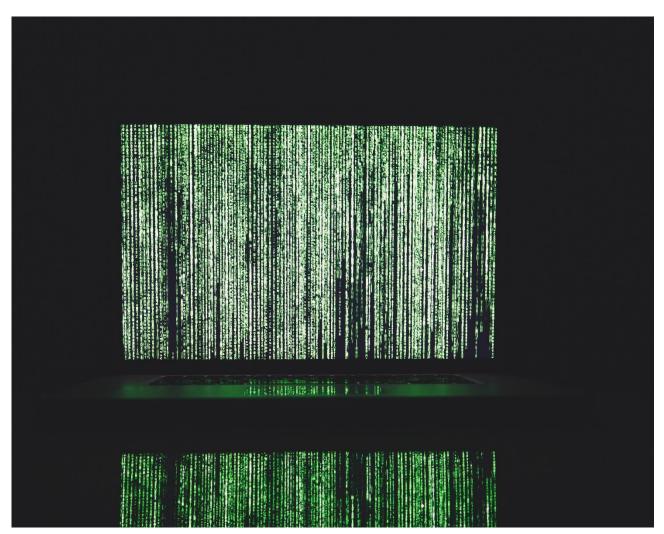


Arup Project Echidna Engagement Outcomes Report

17 August 2022, updated 21 September 2022



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1. Background

Arup Pty Limited is providing stakeholder and community consultation services in support of the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for Project Echidna, a data centre. It is proposed that the data centre is located at 10 Eastern Creek Drive, Eastern Creek which falls within the Blacktown City Council area. The site zoned for General Industrial uses is a greenfield site, located in an existing industrial area. The area surrounding the site houses various industrial warehouses, distribution centres and freight transport facilities.

The proposed development is for a two-storey building for a data centre and generators. It includes a phased fitout of the datahalls and associated plant and equipment and electrical rooms plus offices, support spaces and mechanical galleys.

The building has a gross floor area of 9,000m2 and a building height of 25m.

Figure 1 is a detailed site plan.

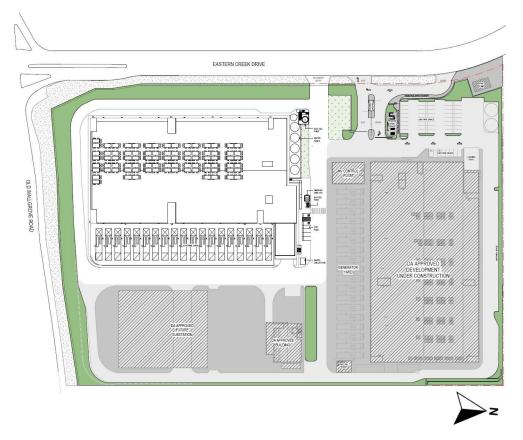


Figure 1: Detailed site plan

Building 1, 1A and substation are under a separate development approval with construction to commence shortly.

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) was issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 17 August 2022 and Arup intends to lodge the SSDA and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in August 2022.

1.1 Engagement purpose

The purpose of engagement was to:

• inform key stakeholders about the proposed development and expected impacts

- consult key stakeholders to understand their reactions to the proposed development including issues, concerns and support
- consult Traditional Custodians to identify opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country in accordance with *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework*, by the Government Architect of NSW as part of the project design, delivery and maintenance including, but not limited to, opportunities to contribute to the client's commitment to reconciliation¹.
- reduce the risk of misinformation about potential project impacts, and demonstrate that these have been considered in planning and design
- provide feedback about how community and stakeholder views were used to shape the project or considered in making decisions
- provide an early opportunity for interested stakeholders to hear more about the plans, ask questions and provide feedback
- satisfy the SEARS and comply with legislative requirements.

1.2 Engagement objectives

The following objectives were applied to support the engagement activities for this project:

- Identify the people or groups who are interested in or are likely to be affected by the project.
- Use appropriate engagement techniques to engage.
- Accord with the organisation's cultural protocols for engagement.
- Ensure stakeholders are provided with safe, respectful and inclusive opportunities to express their views.
- Involve identified stakeholders early in the development of the proposal, to enable their views to be considered in project planning and design.
- Tailor engagement activities to suit the:
 - context (e.g. sensitivity of the site and surrounds)
 - scale and nature of the project and its impacts
 - level of interest in the project.
- Provide clear and concise information about what is proposed and the likely impacts for the relevant people or group they are engaging with.
- Clearly outline how and when the community can be involved in the process.
- Make it easy for the community to access information and provide feedback.
- Identify opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country.

¹ Specifically, in relation to 'Relationships', establishing and strengthening mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and organisations and promoting reconciliation through organisation's sphere of influence; in relation to 'Respect', increasing understanding, value and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge, and rights and developing an understanding of the local Traditional Owners or Custodians of the lands and waters within our organisation's operational area; and in relation to 'Opportunities', improving employment outcomes through recruitment, retention and professional development and increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier diversity.

1.3 Stakeholders identified

For the purpose of community consultation on the proposed development, the following stakeholder groups were engaged:

- Adjoining landowners and leaseholders.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives including Traditional Custodians.
- Government agency representatives.

1.4 Engagement activities

The following table sets out the communications and engagement activities used to support stakeholder consultation.

Tool/technique	Purpose/description	Stakeholder group(s)
Consultation invitation to adjoining landowners and leaseholders (email and post)	Invitation letters and emails were sent advising and inviting stakeholders to participate in upcoming information session (Appendix 1).	Adjoining landowners and leaseholders
Targeted stakeholder information session (online)	Arup facilitated one stakeholder information session to introduce the project, understand any issues or concerns and seek early feedback from key stakeholders most affected by the project. The information session was held on 8 th August 2022. The presentation, Appendix 2, was used to convey key messages.	Adjoining landowners and leaseholders
Consultation invitation to identified Traditional Custodians (phone)	Invitations to participate in consultation were extended via individual phone calls to identified Traditional Custodians (members of the Dharug Nation).	Traditional Custodians
Traditional Owners consultation	Arup facilitated one Traditional Owner consultation session to introduce the project, introduce <i>Better</i> <i>Placed: Draft Connecting With Country</i> <i>Framework</i> , identify opportunities and next steps for connecting the proposed development to Country. The consultation session was held on 9 August 2022. Appendix 3 is a copy of the presentation.	Traditional Custodians
Letters to relevant government agencies (via email)	Following receipt of SEARS requirements, letters were sent on 5 th August 2022 requesting input to EIS prior to lodgement (Appendix 4).	Western Parkland Authority Heritage NSW NSW Environment Protection Authority Blacktown City Council Transport for NSW

Tool/technique	Purpose/description	Stakeholder group(s)
Government consultation meetings	Pre-lodgement meeting 8 th August 2022	NSW Department of Planning and Environment

2. Engagement outcomes

The following table outlines the outcomes from the engagement activities.

Tool/technique	Outcomes
Targeted stakeholder information session (online)	One information session was held on the 8 th August 2022 and attended by one representative of an adjoining landowner.
	The presentation, see Appendix 2, invited stakeholders to ask questions, raise any issues, concerns and support about the proposed development.
	Key issues or themes raised by the landowner representative centred on the location of the proposed site. The stakeholder was not concerned about this development, commenting that another data centre was being built further down the road.
	The landowner representative declined the invitation to receive further information about the EIS.
Traditional Owners consultation	One consultation session was held on the 9 th August 2022 and attended by two stakeholders.
	The presentation, see Appendix 3, invited stakeholders to suggest opportunities associated with:
	• project design and conceptualisation the 'process of imagining', or 'listening to Country' ²
	• project delivery the 'process of shaping', or 'designing with Country' ³
	 project maintenance part of an ongoing continuum of 'caring for Country.⁴
	Key opportunities identified were as follows:
	• For project design and conceptualisation: Consult with the Local Aboriginal Land Council, Traditional Owners and Elders who are able to speak on behalf of the Country; the need to use native plants as part of the landscaping "bringing back something of what was there" and "as part of caring for Country"
	• For project delivery: Create opportunities for the performance of a smoking ceremony and traditional dance at the commencement of construction.
	• For project maintenance: Create opportunities for the performance of a smoking ceremony and traditional dance on the opening of the centre; create employment opportunities; understand and respect Aboriginal culture;

² Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework, Government Architect New South Wales, Issue no. 01-2020 – Draft for Discussion.

⁴ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Tool/technique	Outcomes	
	recognise events such as NAIDOC in a meaningful way and ensure support by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff; and be considerate and understanding of culture obligations including, but not limited to, supporting Sorry Business.	
	Participants offered to provide additional contact details for consultation.	
	Opportunities for connecting to Country	
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	Figure 2: Outcomes of presentation to Traditional Custodians Following the workshop of the 9 th August, Arup has continued work to identify additional Traditional Custodians to be consulted, including via the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Baabyn Aboriginal Coorporation as well as individuals. This work is ongoing.	
Government letters and emails	On 9 th August 2022 Western Parkland City Authority advised Arup via email that the site is not within their area and as such they will not be providing comment on the proposed development.	
	On 10 th August 2022 Heritage NSW advised Arup via email that they do not issue waivers of any kind for Aboriginal cultural heritage.	
	On 2 nd September 2022, Heritage NSW asked for further information on the consultation with Aboriginal people and advised that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) be prepared.	
	On 14 th September 2022, Arup responded to Heritage NSW via email and advised a detailed response about Aboriginal Cultural Heritage was submitted with the EIS. This is in addition to the ACHAR which was completed and approved in 2020 for the precinct planning associated with the project.	
	NSW Environment Protection Authority asked for additional information about the amount of power able to be produced by the backup generators onsite, how this is distributed by generator type to make up the 35.2MW and the amount of diesel to be stored onsite. Arup advised the 35.2MW is the IT load only. The gross electrical capacity of the backup generators is approximately 51MW, somewhat higher than the actual expected maximum load. Arup also advised that approximately 388.1 kL of diesel will be stored onsite. More detailed information including the location of diesel storage tanks is provided in the Arup's Infrastructure Delivery, Management and Staging Plan and Preliminary Hazards Analysis as part of the EIS.	
	On 21 st September 2022, in response to the additional information supplied by Arup, NSW Environment Protection Authority advised that the proposed activity would not require an Environment Protection Licence issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act (1997). To ensure the threshold for licensing is not exceeded, the EPA recommended that operation of the back-	

Tool/technique	Outcomes
	up generators is limited to not more than 200 hours per year in any approval that is granted.
	Blacktown City Council and Transport for NSW were invited to provide feedback to Arup before 18 August 2022. At time of writing this report (21 September 2022) no contact or feedback has been received from Blacktown City Council or Transport for NSW.
Government consultation meetings	The NSW Department of Planning and Environment advised Arup during a pre- lodgement meeting on 8 th August 2022 that no further assessment in the EIS is required for biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage. Heritage NSW may require an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) report to be submitted as part of the EIS.
	The Department advised Arup to demonstrate in the EIS how the proposal relies on the substation and explain that this will be assessed separately as part of another (subsequent) approval. Arup will also need to be clear about cumulative impacts in the EIS, meaning back-up power for the project versus for the whole precinct. Arup needs to assess the project impact (as usual) and then the cumulative impact of both data centres (and potentially the substation) operating together.
	The Department specifically requested Arup assess noise (and air as they need to be consistent) under a worst case scenario. As there are no effective guidelines, Arup can consider the mitigation and outage potential as a means to reconcile the impact.

3. Next steps

3.1 Adjoining landowner/leaseholders

The level of attendance at the adjoining landowner/leaseholder online information session suggests a low level of interest in the proposal. In line with the planning process and as per the SEARs, engagement will continue to be undertaken as the planning approvals progress. Stakeholders and the community will have further opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed development during the public exhibition period later this year.

Arup will be providing additional information to support the EIS following advice received from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment during the pre-lodgement meeting.

3.2 Traditional Custodians and key Aboriginal stakeholders

Consultation with Traditional Custodians and key Aboriginal stakeholders will be ongoing.

Identification of the Traditional Custodians will continue with a view to arranging a second consultation session to identify additional opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country.

It is expected that this ongoing consultation will identify additional opportunities associated with the following:

- The design of the proposed development ... which is aligned to the 'process of imagining', or 'listening to Country' (as per the Connecting With Country Framework).
- The delivery of the proposed development ... which is aligned to the 'process of shaping', or 'designing with Country' (as per the Connecting With Country Framework).

• The ongoing operations of the proposed development ...which part of an ongoing continuum of *'caring for Country'* (as per the Connecting With Country Framework).

It is expected that Traditional Custodians and key Aboriginal stakeholders will have suggestions relating to the detailed architectural design – such as façade treatments – and any such suggestions will be considered during detailed design. It is also expected that additional opportunities will be identified for the following:

- The employment of members of the local community and for the engagement of Aboriginal majorityowned businesses during construction and operations.
- Traditional Custodians and key Aboriginal stakeholders to suggest native species for use in landscaping.
- Traditional Custodians to perform a smoking or welcome ceremony at the opening of the new facility.
- The naming of the development in local language and the installation of Acknowledgement of Country signage in the lobby of the building or on the perimeter fencing.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 Invitation letters to adjoining landowners and leaseholders.
- Appendix 2 Presentation to adjoining leaseholders and landowners.
- Appendix 3 Presentation to Traditional Custodians.
- Appendix 4 Letter to government agencies.
- Appendix 5 Outcomes of presentation to Traditional Custodians.



Appendix 1

Invitation letters to adjoining landowners and leaseholders



By post & email

1 August 2022

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Dear Leaseholder of

Invitation to information session about a proposed development at Eastern Creek

I am contacting you to invite a representative of your organisation to attend an online information session on Monday 8th August 2022 from 5pm-6.30pm as an <u>adjoining landowner or leaseholder</u>.

The purpose of the information session is to brief you on the proposed development for a data centre in Eastern Creek and seek your feedback, prior to public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement by the NSW government.

Please **RSVP** to this invitation via email to **COB Friday 5th** August 2022 so we can send you the Teams invitation.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,



she/her/hers Stakeholder Engagement Lead

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Appendix 2

Presentation to adjoining leaseholders and landowners



Proposed data centre

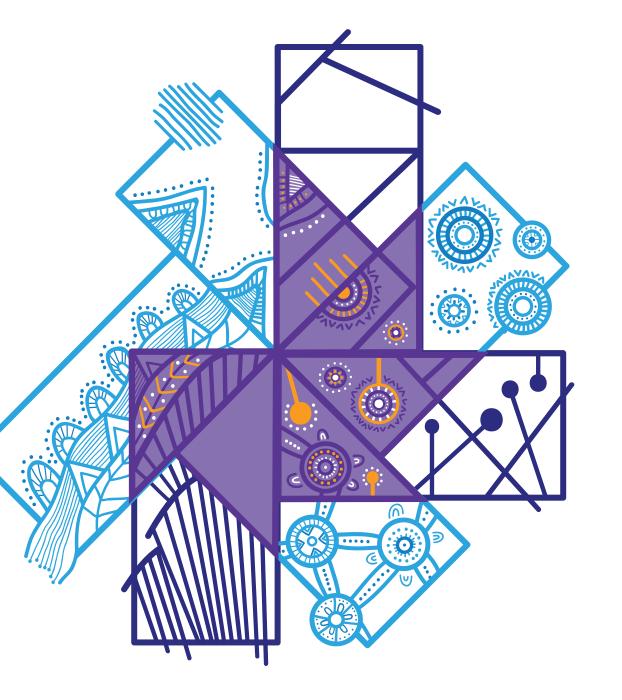
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Information session for adjoining landowners and leaseholders

August 2022

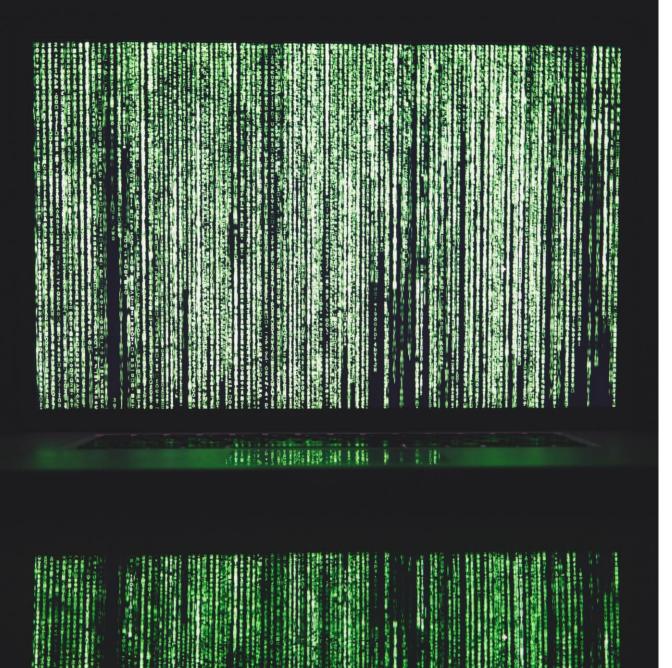
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live, especially the peoples of the Dharug Nation.

We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of this country.



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We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present today.



Session purpose

- About Arup
- Approvals process
- About the proposed development
- Expected benefits
- Possible impacts
- Your feedback
- Next steps



About us

Arup is a multinational consultancy providing design, planning, engineering and other advisory services.

Arup has an office and staff in Sydney and is preparing the Environment Impact Statement for this project for the Client.

Approvals process

NSW Government's State Significant Development process	 Capital Investment Value is greater than \$50million More than 10MW
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	 Provides information on the economic, environmental, and social impacts of the project Stakeholder engagement during the preparation of the EIS then public exhibition by the State Government
NSW Government public exhibition period	 Opportunity to review the EIS and provide feedback on the proposed project All information about the proposed development will be online and a specific SSD number will be assigned to this project



Engagement with Traditional Custodians

- The peoples of the Dharug Nation
- Better Placed: Draft Connecting with Country Framework by the Government Architect of NSW
- Helping support the health and wellbeing of Country by valuing, respecting, and being guided by Aboriginal people
- A 'Country-centred approach' to planning and design, considering natural systems as including people, animals, resources, and plants equally
- 'Connecting with Country' sets out a pathway for connecting a project with Country, starting with *'an immersive process of sensing '*¹ led by the Traditional Custodians
- This 'process of sensing' will identify opportunities for connecting with Country associated with project design and delivery and the ongoing operations of the facility

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Site context

Context plan

- The greenfield site is zoned for General Industrial uses.
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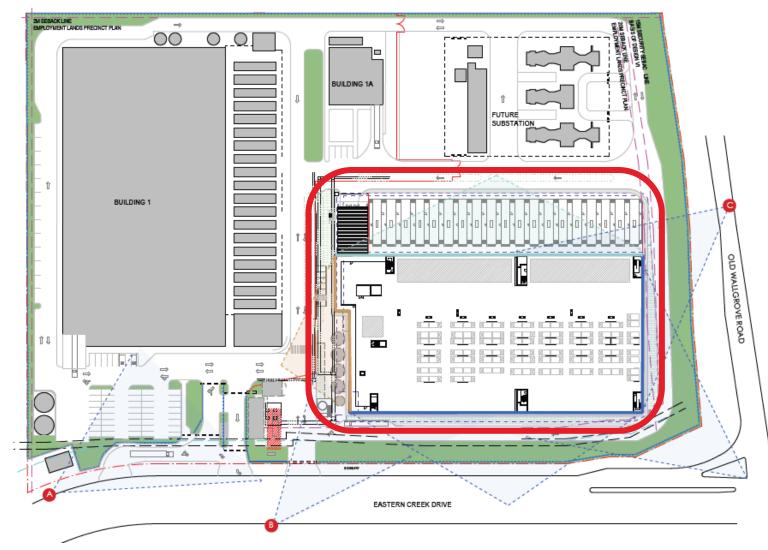
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Proposed site plan

Site map

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The proposed development

Photomontage



- The site is located at 10 Eastern Creek Drive, Eastern Creek
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- Building height 25m
- Phased fitout of data halls and associated plant and equipment and electrical rooms plus offices, support spaces and mechanical galleys.
- Data centres are needed to provide remote hosting and necessary information technology infrastructure to support digital services. They allow enormous quantities of information to be stored.

The proposed development From Eastern Creek Drive facing east



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The proposed development From Old Wallgrove Road facing west



Expected benefits

- ✓ Data centres are key in meeting increasing dependence on the internet and cloud usage. We rely on their benefits in our everyday lives both professionally and personally.
- ✓ Economic benefits and employment generation for the Western Sydney Employment area and the Greater Sydney Region, aligned with the NSW Government's strategic intent for Western Sydney Employment Area.
- ✓ Opportunity for upskilling and retraining local labour force.
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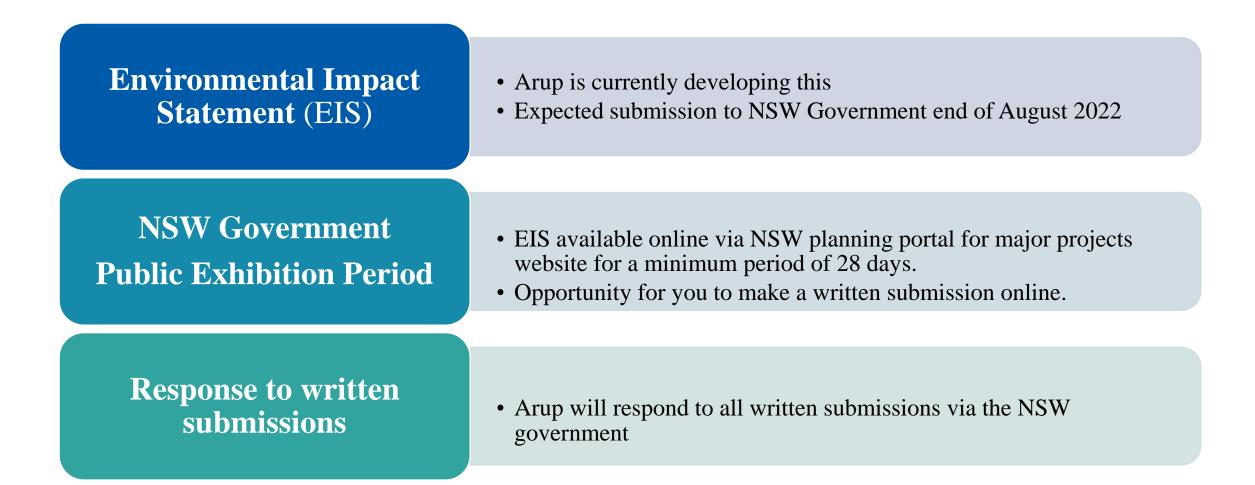
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- The project is to be delivered in accordance with the client's global sustainability targets and standards.

Your feedback

- 1. Do you have any concerns or questions about the proposed development?
- 2. What do you like about the proposed development?
- 3. Would you like to receive an email from Arup when the EIS is publicly available and the public exhibition period has commenced?



Next steps







Appendix 3

Presentation to Traditional Custodians

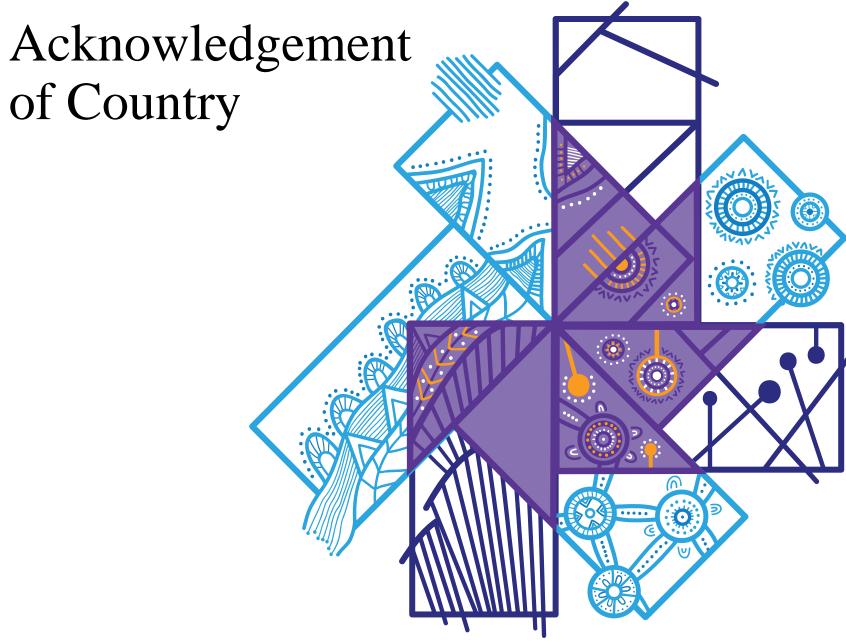


Proposed data centre

10 Eastern Creek Drive, Eastern Creek

Consultation with Traditional Custodians

August 2022



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Agenda

Proposed data centre

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Introduction to Arup
- Introduction to the project
- Introduction to *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework*
- Opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country
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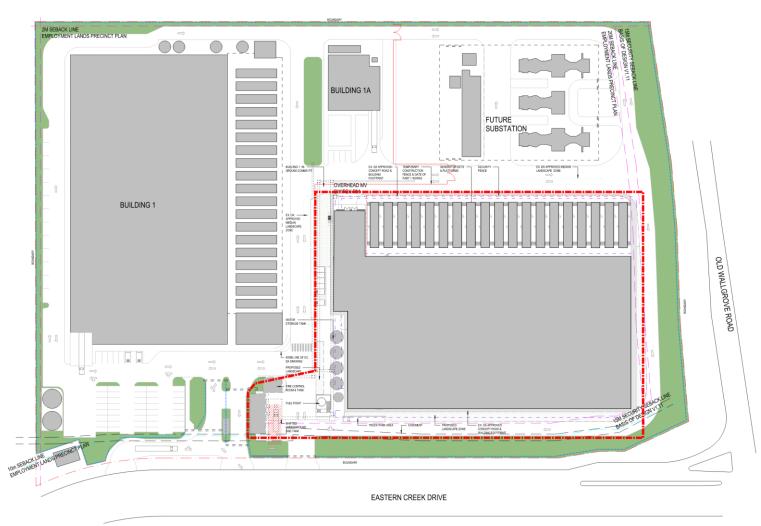
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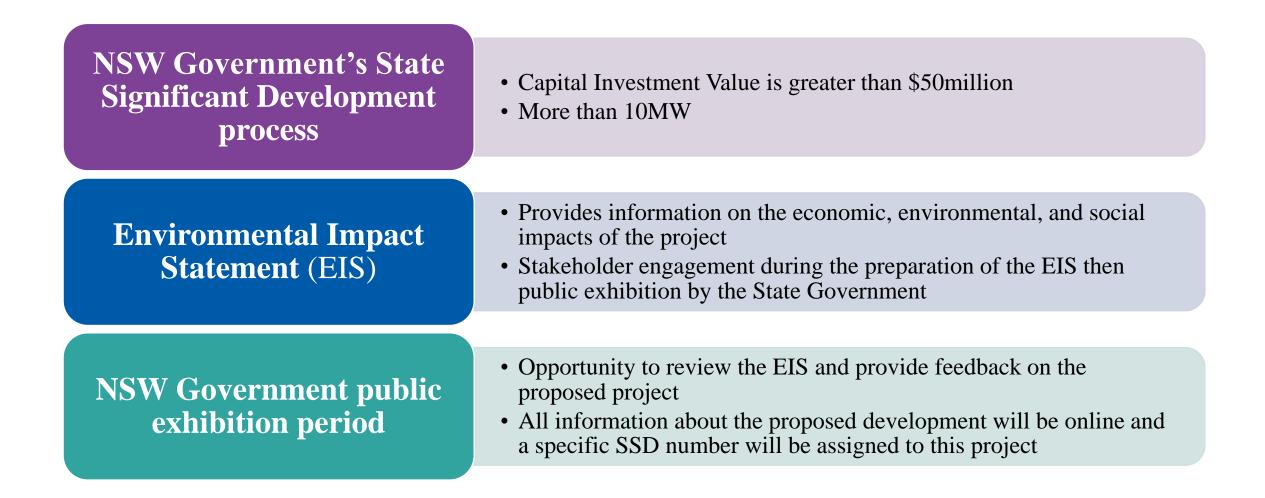
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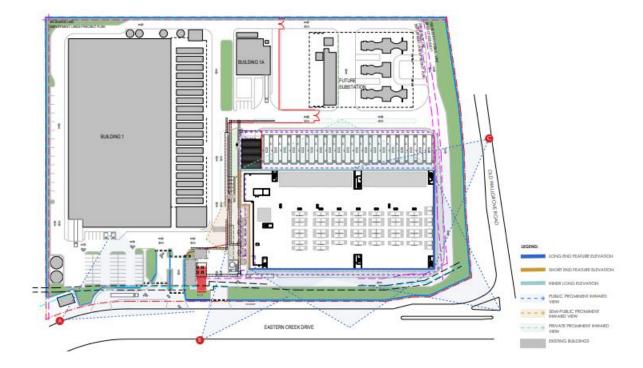
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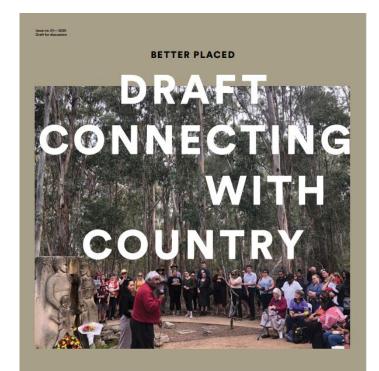
Overview of *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework*

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Overview of *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework* Proposed data centre

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)* (*Precincts-Western Parkland City) 2021* requires the consent authority to consider whether the proposed data centre exhibits design excellence in its response to 'the physical and cultural connection of the local Aboriginal community to the land'.

Better Placed: Draft Connecting with Country Framework by the Government Architect of NSW sets out a framework for *'helping support the health and wellbeing of Country by valuing, respecting, and being guided by Aboriginal people'* (page 27)



A draft framework for understanding the value of Aboriginal knowledge in the design and planning of place

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Overview of *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework* Proposed data centre

The 'Connecting With Country Framework' sets out a pathway for connecting a project with Country.

There are four stages on the pathway:

- project formation or 'sensing'
- project design and conceptualisation or 'imagining'
- project delivery or 'shaping'
- project maintenance or 'caring'



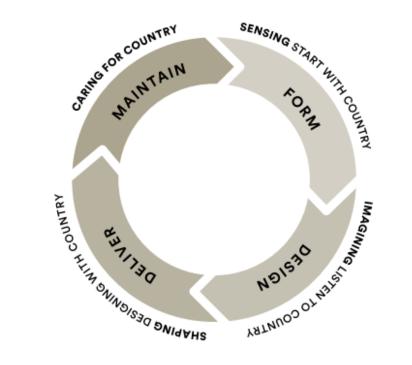


Figure: Aboriginal perspective on project stages

Source: *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework*, Government Architect New South Wales, Issue no. 01-2020 – Draft for Discussion (page 27).

ARUP Overview of *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework* Proposed data centre

We are currently at Step 1, project formation or 'sensing'.

The purpose of Step 1 *(and today's consultation)* is to identify opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country associated with

- project design
- project delivery
- project maintenance

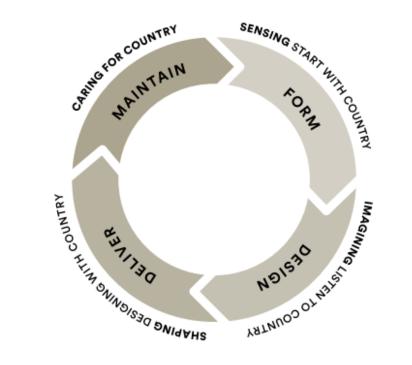


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Opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country

Opportunities for connecting the proposed development to Country Proposed data centre

- Identification of opportunities associated with:
 - Project design and conceptualisation ... the 'process of imagining', or 'listening to Country'
 - Project delivery... the 'process of shaping', or 'designing with Country'
 - Project maintenance... part of an ongoing continuum of 'caring for Country'

Source: *Better Placed: Draft Connecting With Country Framework*, Government Architect New South Wales, Issue no. 01-2020 – Draft for Discussion



Next steps



Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed data centre

QN: Will there be opportunities for employment of members of the local community? During construction and during operations?

ANS: The operator has a 'Reflect' Reconciliation Action Plan in place which includes commitments to employment and professional development opportunities. The operator is committed to establishing relationships with the local community.

QN: Will there be opportunities for the engagement of local businesses? During construction and during operations?

ANS: The operator has a 'Reflect' Reconciliation Action Plan in place which includes commitments to the procurement of Aboriginal majority-owned businesses. The operator is also a member of Supply Nation and a partner of the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce. The operator is committed to establishing relationships with the local community.



Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed data centre

QN: Will we be able to suggest native species for use in the landscaping?

ANS: Yes, the operator will consider suggestions for native species to be used in the landscaping.

QN: Will there be access to Traditional Custodians to the site before and during construction, and then during operations?

ANS: It is intended that a visit to site by Traditional Custodians be arranged during the design stages. Access to the site during construction will be restricted by the contractor. Any visits will need to be approved and planned for, and visitors inducted to and accompanied at all times while on site. Access to the site during operations will be restricted for security reasons. Access for cultural reasons may be discussed.

QN: Will we be able to perform ceremony at commencement of construction and/or commencement of operations?

ANS: The operator has a Site Cultural Playbook which sets out its commitment to inviting local community members to perform a smoking ceremony or welcome ceremony at the opening of a new facility.



Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed data centre

QN: Can we suggest a name for the development in local language?

ANS: The operator has a Site Cultural Playbook which recommends the integration of place into naming and requires consideration of the significance of place in placemaking. The operator is also committed to providing on-site staff with training in the local culture.

Next steps

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Arup is currently developing thisExpected submission to NSW Government end of August 2022
NSW Government Public Exhibition Period	 EIS available online via NSW planning portal for major projects website for a minimum period of 28 days. Opportunity for you to make a written submission online.
Response to written submissions	 Arup will respond to all written submissions via the NSW government
Connect proposed development to Country	• Arup will consider incorporation of recommendations for connecting the proposed development to Country





Appendix 4

Letter to government agencies



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Western Sydney Parkland AuthorityEmail:<u>hello@wpca.sydney</u>Our ref288255-00

Dear Sir/Madam,

Project Echidna

SSDA - Western Sydney Parkland Authority Consultation

This letter has been prepared to provide further information to Western Sydney Parkland Authority regarding the Project Echidna data centre at 10 Eastern Creek Drive, Eastern Creek NSW, legally described as Lot 4001 DP 1243178 (the Site). The location of the site is shown in **Appendix 1**.

This consultation has been provided in accordance with the Industry-specific Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (Data storage centres) for the Proposal and included at **Appendix 2**.

1. Background

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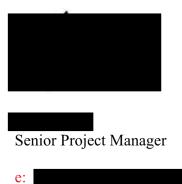
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Appendix 5

Outcomes of presentation to Traditional Custodians

Opportunities for connecting to Country

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TBC

to make

introductions

Use native plants and ground cover, get information from the Elders about the native plants, bring back something of what was there and was around there, as part of the caring aspect, give back

Give, give, lore. Is there anything in place to give back? Project <u>delivery</u> ... the 'process of shaping', or 'designing with Country'

> Perform ceremony, traditional dance

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