

# NOTICE ABOUT DECISION – STATEMENT OF REASONS

*The following information is provided in accordance with Section 63(4) & (5) of the Planning Act 2016*

<b>Applicant:</b>	Akaysha Energy Pty Ltd c/- The Planning Practice Pty Ltd
<b>Application No:</b>	MCU25/0019
<b>Proposal:</b>	Other Change to Development Permit MCU24/0016 for a Material Change of Use for Major Electricity Infrastructure (Battery Energy Storage System)
<b>Street Address:</b>	Oaky Creek Back Road, Ellesmere
<b>RP Description:</b>	Lot 471 on SP265816
<b>Assessment Type:</b>	Code Assessable

On 16 September 2025 the above development was recommended for:

- ☒ Approval  
☐ Refusal

## 1. Reasons for the Decision

The reasons for this decision are:

- The subject site is identified within the Rural Zone under the South Burnett Regional Council Planning Scheme version 2.0. The proposal involves Major Electricity Infrastructure (Battery Energy Storage System), which is an anticipated use in the Rural zone.
- It was determined that there will be minimal impact to the rural amenity and character of the surrounding locality. Any impacts are considered to be reasonably managed or mitigated through the imposition of reasonable and relevant conditions or through compliance with the recommendations of specialist reporting (Traffic Impact Assessment, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, Bushfire Hazard Assessment, Ecology Assessment, etc.).
- The use complies with all acceptable outcomes and performance outcomes within the current planning framework, including the South Burnett Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017.
- The subject site has features (pre-existing infrastructure, relevant easements and an infrastructure designation) that identify this particular location as preferred for development of this nature.
- The proposed increase in size and capacity has the ability to reduce the demand for standalone private infrastructure of a similar nature, ultimately consolidating major infrastructure.
- The revised siting of the development is considered an improvement from the original approval when taking into consideration the mapped overlays and constraints and the subsequent extent of fill required.

- The proposed development includes adequate access arrangements and provides sufficient parking for the intended use.
- Potential natural hazards have been sufficiently identified through specialist reporting, with appropriate mitigation measures identified to limit potential impacts to the development and surrounding environment.

## **2. Assessment Benchmarks**

The following are the benchmarks applicable to this development:

- Rural Zone Code.
- Services and Works Code.

## **3. Compliance with Benchmarks**

The development was assessed against all the assessment benchmarks listed above and complies with all of these or can be conditioned to comply.

**Note:** Each application submitted to Council is assessed individually on its own merit.