

NOTICE ABOUT DECISION – STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

Applicant:	X-Elio Australia Pty Ltd c/- WSP
Application No:	MCU24/0032
Proposal:	Material Change of Use for Undefined Use (Battery Energy Storage System)
Street Address:	1196 Ellesmere Road, Alice Creek
RP Description:	Lot 6 on FY691
Assessment Type:	Impact Assessable

On **DATE** 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 1.4. While a Battery Energy Storage System is undefined under the South Burnett Regional Council Planning Scheme 2017, the development is considered to have addressed the relevant benchmarks prescribed by the planning scheme, including the Strategic Framework and the Rural Zone Code.
- The development meets the intent of the Rural Zone by providing a land use that is compatible with existing and future rural uses and activities. The development is proposed over a portion of the land that has been identified as prohibitive to utilise for high value agricultural purposes (cropping) and the size of the landholding presents limitations with respect to potential agricultural use and overall utility.
- The subject site is located within and capitalises on proximity to the Powerlink Halys Substation.
- It is considered 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.

2. Assessment Benchmarks

The following are the benchmarks applicable to this development:

- Strategic Framework
- 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.