

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 115B(2) IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED LANE COVE TUNNEL AND ASSOCIATED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

I, the Minister for Planning after:

1. examining and considering various matters including the:
 - a) environmental impact of the proposed Lane Cove Tunnel and Associated Road Improvements under Section 111 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*;
 - b) environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Lane Cove Tunnel and Associated Road Improvements prepared by Sinclair Knight Merz, dated October 2001;
 - c) representations made in respect to the exhibition of the EIS for the proposed Lane Cove Tunnel and Associated Road Improvements;
 - d) Representations Report from NSW Roads and Traffic Authority; and,
 - e) report from the Director-General of the Department of Planning dated November 2002 in respect of the proposed Lane Cove Tunnel and Associated Road Improvements; and
2. consulting and considering the matters raised by the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads, and pursuant to Section 115B(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, give approval for NSW Roads and Traffic Authority to carry out the proposal subject to the conditions stated in Schedule 1 to this approval. The reasons for the imposition of these conditions are set out in a report entitled "Proposed Lane Cove Tunnel and Associated Road Improvements - Director-General's Report".

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2002

Andrew Refshauge MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Planning
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Minister for Housing