

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



About the Bulldogs






The Bulldogs, a renowned professional rugby league club based in Belmore, have been at the forefront of rugby league's evolution since entering the competition in 1935. With a proud legacy of pioneering professionalism in the sport, we remain steadfast in our commitment to community engagement and support. Through a variety of initiatives and programs, we actively promote rugby league and bolster the local communities within the Canterbury-Bankstown area.

As winners of 8 prestigious premierships, we are thrilled to celebrate our 90th anniversary in 2025 with the exciting expansion of our club — the honour of a new NRLW franchise. This significant milestone completes our female pathway program, providing a seamless progression for talented athletes across 3 progressive teams, culminating at the top tier of the NRLW.

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Rugby League Club Limited (the Bulldogs) is preparing a State Significant Development Application for a new Centre of Excellence at Belmore Sports Ground.

The proposal reflects the Bulldog's long-term investment in the growth of men's and women's sports from junior to premiership levels by providing state-of-the-art facilities for players, administrators and community sporting clubs.

The proposal seeks approval for:

-  Site preparation works.
-  Construction of a three-storey Centre of Excellence on a portion of Terry Lamb Hill including:
 - Gymnasium, training, medical and rehabilitation facilities.
 - Aquatic recovery and rehabilitation pools.
 - Lecture theatre, meeting rooms, office space and end-of-trip facilities.
 - Change rooms and associated amenities, including change rooms for users of Peter Moore Fields.
-  Upgrades to the existing scoreboard and improving networks to Peter Moore Fields.
-  Non-game day pedestrian and vehicle access will be via Tudor Street and an additional managed pedestrian access point via the existing footpath along the train line.
-  Construction of an internal car park for an additional 62 cars.

The proposed Centre of Excellence will be used predominantly for weekday operations.

The proposal does not seek to amend existing NRL game day operations including current game day access points for spectators.

Why a Centre of Excellence?

Investment in women's sport

The NSW Office of Sport recognises Centres of Excellence as a primary tool in enhancing elite sports infrastructure, nurturing talent and supporting dedicated programs and facilities for women.

Over the past two years, the Bulldogs has been championing women's participation in sports, and investing in female Academy programs. With the Bulldogs set to enter the NRLW in 2025, the proposal reflects the demand for better facilities to support women's teams and host NRLW games.

Through this proposal, the Bulldogs can ensure that the Club is NRLW-ready and demonstrate our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive sporting culture.

Community need

In line with the Council's vision for the sports ground, the Bulldogs has considered how the proposal can give back to the community. We know Peter Moore Fields is used frequently by the community and have included new change rooms, toilets, storage space and parking as part of the proposal. These features are designed to support and enhance the experience of the community members who frequently use this space.



Managing impacts

As part of the development application, the Bulldogs are preparing a range of technical studies to assess the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the Centre of Excellence and if necessary, suggest mitigation measures.

These include traffic, visual amenity, noise and vibration and crowd management. Information on the outcomes of these studies will be available at the community information drop-in session for the community to view.

If the proposal is approved, the Bulldogs will develop and implement construction management plans that outline how construction will be managed, including minimising potential impacts on neighbours.

Planning pathway

The Bulldogs are seeking approval for the Centre of Excellence from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) through the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) process.

MORE INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Bulldogs have commissioned Urbis Engagement to collect feedback and provide further information about the proposed Centre of Excellence.

You can reach the team on:



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bulldogs.com.au/about/centre-of-excellence

You are invited to a community information session where you can drop by and speak to the project team. Details are below, we hope to see you there:



Wednesday 11 September 2024



5:30pm - 7:30pm



Blueberry Room, Level 1, Canterbury League Club - 26 Bridge Rd, Belmore

As a registered club, you will be required to sign in using photo identification to enter the venue. Your personal information will not be used by the project team.



May 2024 – The Bulldogs received the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs ensure government agencies and relevant service providers are informed and provided with the opportunity to request certain information be addressed within the SSDA.



We are here – The Bulldogs are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will assess any potential impacts from the construction and operation of the Centre of Excellence and suggest mitigation measures.

As part of this process, the Bulldogs is seeking feedback from neighbours and the community. This feedback will be collated in a Consultation Outcomes Report and included in the submission to DPHI.



October 2024 – The Bulldogs will formally lodge the SSDA.

Following the SSDA lodgement, DPHI will publicly exhibit the proposal. At this point, the community can make formal submissions to DPHI.

DPHI will then review the application and formal comments and make a decision on the planning application.

