



EXHIBITION OF CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

Stratford Renewable Energy Hub

Application No	SSI-73368213
Location	3364 Bucketts Way, Stratford
Proponent	Gloucester Coal Ltd
Council Area	MidCoast
Approval Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
Description of proposal	
Development of a 300 MW pumped hydro energy storage and generation project, 320 MW solar farm, grid connection and ancillary infrastructure.	

About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) has received a critical State significant infrastructure application for the abovementioned proposal. The application, environmental impact statement, and accompanying documents are on exhibition from **Wednesday 2 October 2024** until **Tuesday 29 October 2024**. You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

Development in NSW can be subject to Commonwealth legislation, depending on the circumstances.

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water has decided that the proposed development – known as Stratford Renewable Energy Hub, NSW (2023/09733) for Commonwealth purposes – is a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are:

- Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities); and
- Sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species).

The proposed development will be assessed under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. This means the project will be assessed against the requirements of both acts.

The public notice for the project may be found at epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals.

Have your say

To have your say on this project, you must lodge a submission online through the NSW Planning Portal before the close of exhibition.

To do this, search for this project at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on 'Make a submission'. You will need to log in or create a user account.

Resources to help you use the NSW Planning Portal are available at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help including a step-by-step [guide](#) on how to make a submission. If you require further assistance, please contact Service NSW on 1300 305 695.



Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

If you think you'll need help making a submission using the portal, it's a good idea to contact Service NSW sooner rather than later. Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to make a submission before the project's exhibition end date.

Before making your submission: You should read the department's:

- Disclaimer and declaration at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/disclaimer-and-declaration, and
- Privacy statement at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.

Your submission will be published on the NSW Planning Portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration. You can elect to have your name withheld from the published list of submitters. If you choose this option, do not include personal information in the body of your submission or in any attachments as your submission will be published in full.

When making a submission you will be required to include:

- your name and address
- the name of the application and the application number
- a statement on whether you 'support' or 'object' to the proposal or if you are simply providing comment
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal
- a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Assess-and-Regulate/Development-Assessment/Planning-Approval-Pathways/Donations-and-Gift-Disclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more)
- an acknowledgement that you accept the department's [disclaimer and declaration](#).

For more information, including the department's submissions policy, please go to www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say.

For more information about the project: Contact (02) 8289 6981

If you require assistance to use the NSW Planning Portal or you are having difficulty making a submission online, please call Service NSW on 1300 305 695.