

EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

Major Project: City West Cable Tunnel

LGA: City of Sydney Council
Location Within the Sydney CBD between Ultimo and corner of Sussex and Erskine Streets
Proponent EnergyAustralia
Approval authority Minister for Planning

Description of proposal

EnergyAustralia is proposing to construct, operate and maintain an electricity transmission cable tunnel to link TransGrid's Haymarket Bulk Supply Point in Thomas Street, Ultimo, EnergyAustralia's City Central Substation in Blackwattle Place, and a new City North Substation at the corner of Sussex and Erskine Streets, Sydney. The proposed tunnel would be approximately four metres in diameter and between 10 to 40 metres below ground level. It would be located within existing road alignments at Darling Drive and Sussex Street (from Druitt to Erskine Streets) and beneath land predominantly owned by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA). The proposed development is the result of a detailed examination of options to upgrade the Sydney central business district (CBD) electricity network to maintain a safe and reliable supply to customers in the Sydney CBD.

Application of Part 3A

The Minister for Planning formed the opinion on 5 January 2006, pursuant to Clause 6 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005* that the proposal is a Major Project (development with a capital investment value greater than \$5 million within the Darling Harbour area) as identified on Map 9 to clause 10, Schedule 2 of the Major Projects SEPP. The proposal is therefore declared to be a project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) applies for the purpose of Section 75B of the EP&A Act.

Exhibition

The EA will be on exhibition from **24 May 06 to 7 July 2006** at the following locations and times:

Department of Planning

- Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority

- Level 6, 66 Harrington Street, The Rocks Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm

EnergyAustralia

- Customer Service Centre, ground floor, 570 George Street Sydney, Mon-Fri 8.30am to 5pm

Nature Conservation Council of NSW

- Level 5, 362 Kent Street, Sydney, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm

City of Sydney Council – CBD Office

- Level 2, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney, Mon – Fri 8am to 6pm

For more information on the proposal contact the Proponent's Project Information Line 1800 004 971 (toll free). Printed and CD copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for purchase by calling this number.

You may view a copy of the EA at www.planning.nsw.gov.au or www.energyaustralia.com.au/citywest

Submissions

You are invited to make a written submission on this proposal. This submission should include:

- your name and address
- the name and reference number of the proposal
- a statement on whether you support or object to the proposal
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal.

Your submission must reach the Department of Planning by close of business on **7 July 2006** and should be addressed to:

Major Infrastructure Assessment
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Under section 75H of the Act the Director-General is required to send copies of submissions or a report of the issues raised in those submissions to the proponent, other parties and any other authorities the Director-General considers appropriate. If you do not want your submission to be made public, please state this in your submission.

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