

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

Wilcannia Weir Replacement

Application No	SSI-10050
Location	Darling River (Baaka) near the township of Wilcannia, within Central Darling Shire
Proponent	Water Infrastructure NSW
Council Area	Central Darling Shire
Approval Authority	Minister for Planning

Description of proposal

Construction and operation of a new weir on the Darling River (Baaka) for the provision of water supply to the township of Wilcannia. The new weir is proposed to be located 4.9 river kilometres downstream of the existing Wilcannia Weir near the township of Wilcannia. The proposed new weir has a fixed crest that extends 21.5 metres from the southern bank and is about 5 metres in height to the crest of the weir.

The proposed new weir includes operation of:

- New weir gates that would remotely move up and down to control the volume of water flowing downstream and water quality in the weir pool
- A fishway to enable fish to swim upstream and downstream past the new weir, on the northern bank
- A new access track from Union Bend Road to the new weir site.

The proposal includes decommissioning and partial demolition of the existing weir.

About the exhibition

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

The Department of Planning and Environment is exhibiting a State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) application, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents from **Monday 18 July 2022** until **Sunday 14 August 2022**.

You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/wilcannia-weir-replacement. You can view hard copies at:

- Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council, 72 Woore Street, Wilcannia: during opening hours
- Regional Enterprise Development Institute, 35 Reid Street, Wilcannia: during opening hours
- Central Darling Shire Council, 21 Reid Street, Wilcannia: during opening hours.

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

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

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment has decided that the proposed development for the Wilcannia Weir Replacement 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).

The proposed development EPBC 2020/8713 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: epbcpbpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals/

Have your say

To have your say online, search for this project at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition and click on ‘Make a submission’. You will need to log in or create a user account.

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- 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
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Paper submissions – The Department will only accept paper-based submissions posted to:

Director State Significant Acceleration
Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning and Environment
Locked Bag 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

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Privacy statement: Before making your submission, read our Privacy Statement at planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy or call 1300 305 695 for a copy. We will publish your submission on our website in accordance with our Privacy Statement.

For more information: Contact (02) 9995 6321 or 1300 305 695

Address: Director – State Significant Acceleration, Planning and Assessment, Department of Planning and Environment, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124.