



STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECLARATION OF CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

Sydney Metro West – The Bays to Sydney CBD

Application No	SSI-19238057
Description	Major civil construction (consisting of enabling works, tunnel excavation and station excavation) between Westmead and Sydney CBD.
Location	The Bays to Sydney CBD
Applicant	Sydney Metro
Council Area	Inner West, City of Sydney
Minister who made the order	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
Date of declaration	23 September 2020

Decision

On 23 September 2020 the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces declared the Sydney Metro West Project as Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) in accordance with s5.13 of the Act (CSSI).

To view the order visit: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/si-2020-615>

Key reasons

The key reasons why Sydney Metro West Project has been declared CSSI are:

- the project is essential to the State for economic reasons, as a substantial infrastructure undertaking and investment, providing an additional fast, reliable and frequent rail service between Greater Parramatta and the Sydney CBD;
- the project would accommodate the growing public transport needs of greater Sydney and relieve the congested T1 Western, T9 Northern and T2 Inner West lines, effectively doubling rail capacity between Parramatta to the Sydney CBD;
- the project would increase accessibility across Sydney and provide customers with a world-class metro service;
- the project is essential to the State for social reasons as it would support planned growth, including urban renewal, sustainability, health and social benefits; and
- the project is essential to the State for environmental reasons as it would reduce car dependency and promote more sustainable travel behaviours and enhance liveability through increased opportunities for incidental exercise with customers able to walk or cycle to and from stations; enhanced pedestrian environments, amenity and place-making, better access to jobs and services and improved social cohesion.

The considerations taken into account when making the Declaration are consistent with the principles outlined in the 'Declaration of SSI and CSSI- State Significant Infrastructure Guide' March 2021 published on the NSW Planning website [here](#).