

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### DECLARATION OF CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

# Blast Furnace No. 6 Reline

<b>Application No</b>	SSI-22545215
<b>Description</b>	Reline, commission, and operate Blast Furnace No. 6 at the Port Kembla Steelworks
<b>Location</b>	Lot 1 DP 606434
<b>Proponent</b>	BlueScope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd
<b>Council Area</b>	Wollongong City
<b>Minister who made the order</b>	Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
<b>Date of declaration</b>	3 May 2021

## Decision

On 3 May 2021 the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces declared the Port Kembla Steelworks Blast Furnace No. 6 Reline Upgrade Project as Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) in accordance with sections 5.12(4) and 5.13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

To view the order visit: [here](#)

## Key reasons

The key reasons why the Port Kembla Steelworks Blast Furnace No. 6 Upgrade Project has been declared CSSI are:

- the blast furnace is a critical piece of infrastructure for making steel and the Port Kembla Steelworks produces 2.2 million tonnes of steel annually for the Australian market. The existing blast furnace (No.5) will soon be decommissioned and Blast Furnace No.6 must be relined and brought back into service to ensure continued production when No. 5 is decommissioned;
- the project is essential to NSW for economic and employment reasons as it would enable continued domestic production of steel, ensuring supply chain security for nation building projects such as infrastructure, commercial and residential developments; and
- the project is a significant capital investment of \$700 million and would generate 1,000 contractor jobs and retain 4,500 existing jobs at the steelworks, delivering significant economic and employment benefits to NSW.

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](#).