



Public Notice

**Notice of Application for Critical State Significant Infrastructure
under section 5.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
by BlueScope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd (ABN 19 000 019 625)
in respect of Blast Furnace No.6 Reline Project (SSI-22545215)
located at Lot 1 DP 606434**

Pursuant to section 181(6)(ii) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, BlueScope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd, owner and operator of Port Kembla Steelworks (PKSW), hereby gives notice that it has made a Critical State Significant Infrastructure application for the Blast Furnace No. 6 Reline Project (the Project) to the New South Wales Minister for Planning and Homes under section 5.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

PKSW is located within the Wollongong local government area and is the largest steel production facility in Australia, specialising in the production of flat steel products, including slab, hot rolled coil, cold rolled coil, plate and coated and painted steel products. The current operational blast furnace, No. 5 Blast Furnace, is expected to operate until mid to late 2026.

The Project involves the relining of the No. 6 Blast Furnace over a period of approximately 3 years to return it to service and commence ironmaking after the No. 5 Blast Furnace ceases operation. The Project will future-proof the ongoing production of steel at PKSW, incorporate improvements to reduce environmental impacts relative to the operation of No. 5 Blast Furnace, and provide a bridge to transition from current blast furnace technology to new and emerging low emissions technologies once they are available and commercially viable.

The Project includes the removal of raw materials which have solidified inside the furnace as well as major repairs to other furnace elements, including the blast furnace shell if necessary. Significant work will also be required to prepare each of the ancillary systems for continuous operation across the length of the new campaign, including new emissions abatement technology.

An Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared under section 5.7 of the EP&A Act to support the application for the Project and will be available on the Department of Planning and Environment Major Projects website shortly at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>.

Further information about the Project is available at <https://www.bluescopeillawarra.com.au/>.

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