

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECLARATION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

Narrabri Lateral Pipeline

Application No	SSI-53307723
Description	Gas pipeline connecting the Narrabri Gas Project to the Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline
Location	Approximately 55 kilometres between the Narrabri Gas Project gas processing facility at Leewood and the Hunter Gas Pipeline east of Baan Baa, within Narrabri Shire in NSW.
Proponent	Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Limited
Council Area	Narrabri Shire
Minister who made the order	The Hon. Minister Roberts, Minister for Planning
Date of declaration	8 December 2022

Decision

On 8 December 2022, the Minister for Planning declared the Narrabri Lateral Pipeline as State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) and Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) in accordance with s 5.12 (4) and 5.13 of the EP&A Act.

To view the order visit: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/epub?bulletin=20221211>

Key reasons

The Narrabri Lateral Pipeline has been declared SSI and CSSI because the Minister for Planning considered the pipeline is essential to NSW for economic reasons as it would:

- Provide a local supply of natural gas into the NSW gas market by providing a crucial link from the Narrabri Gas Project to the gas market.
- Strengthen the reliability of the east coast gas market by providing additional gas supply security to users in NSW.
- Support the development of a local gas supply to place downward pressure on natural gas prices

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](#).