

Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands (the department) has reviewed the proposal.

Based on the information provided two Crown roads and the Crown waterway named ‘Cox’s River’ falls within the project area and are directly crossed by the proposed new 330kV transmission line. (see below, Figure 1: Crown Land and the project footprint of B4 the preferred power line transect) As infrastructure impacts Crown land, the consent of the Minister for Lands and Property must be obtained, from the department for the lodging of planning documents.

Further information regarding landowner’s consent for Crown land can be found at the following link:

[Landowner's consent application form \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Lineal Infrastructure (e.g. Pipelines and/or Electricity Transmission lines) traversing Crown land/roads

The Scoping report presented a preferred Route “option B4” – after considering 11 alternative routes for the proposed new 330Kv power transmission line between Wallerawang and the Mt Piper Power station.

Diagrams within this report (- Figure 2, Figure 8, FIGURES 9A-F) show the preferred Option B-4 for the new transmission 330kV transmission line, and the 60m wide easement that it will require. These intersect with two current unnamed Crown roads and the Crown waterway, Cox’s River.

As lineal infrastructure (such as pipelines and/or electricity transmission lines) are expected to traverse Crown land, roads and waterways, an easement over said Crown roads and waterways will be required for protection of the infrastructure.

To discuss easement requirements, please contact the Acquisitions team at the earliest opportunity at: cl.acquisitions@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

If the proponent is an acquiring authority they may be eligible to acquire easements for the proposal under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (LAJTC Act).

Further information regarding Crown land and the LAJTC Act is located at the following link: <https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/resources/purchase-crown-lands/compulsory-acquisition>.

It is important to note that licences or easements must be in place before infrastructure can traverse Crown land or roads.

Native Title:

The project falls within the Warrabinga-Wirajuri Native Title Claim #7 and the affected Crown parcels may have Native Title Rights that need to be resolved with the claimants before an easement over it can be created.

Information regarding Native Title can be found at the below link:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/protection-and-management/aboriginal-land-rights-and-native-title/native-title>

Native Title rights may also be able to be compulsorily acquired through the above LATJC process.

The Department may also need to consider the transfer of the affected Crown roads to the local Council, if those roads are required for access.

It is recommended that the proponent contact the department to discuss the above landowners consent process and commence processes to authorise the use of Crown land as soon as possible, to avoid any possible delays and to ascertain to what extent Crown land, roads or waterways are required for the proposal.

If the proponent requires further information, or has any questions, please contact Steve Pearson, Senior NRM Officer, Orange in Crown Lands, on 02 6391 4317 or at steve.pearson@crownland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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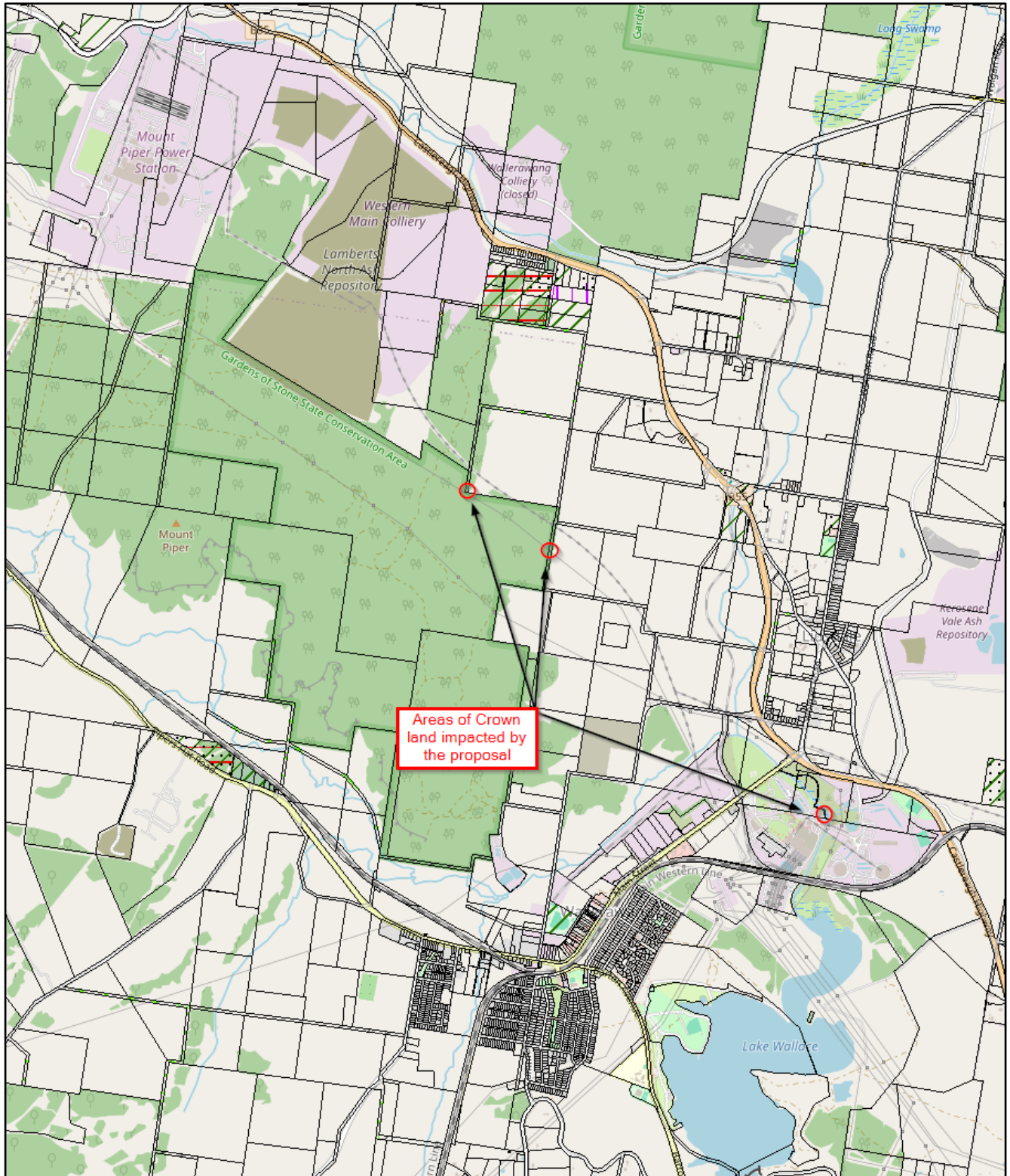


Figure 1: Crown Land and the project footprint of B4 the preferred power line transect.