

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECLARATION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

Hunter Transmission Project

Application No	SSI-70610456
Description	Development of a new double circuit 500 kV overhead transmission line connecting the existing 500 kV line at Bayswater to the existing 500 kV transmission line in the Olney State Forest
Location	Between Bayswater and Olney for a length of approximately 100 km
Proponent	EnergyCo
Council Area	Muswellbrook, Singleton, City of Cessnock, Central Coast and City of Lake Macquarie
Minister who made the order	The Hon. Minister Roberts, Minister for Planning
Date of declaration	21 July 2022

Decision

On 21 July 2022, the Minister for Planning declared the Hunter Transmission Project 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/view/pdf/asmade/sl-2022-410>

Key reasons

The Hunter Transmission Project has been declared SSI and CSSI because the Minister for Planning considered that the Project is essential to NSW for economic, social and environmental reasons as it would:

- Strengthen the State's core electricity grid and unlock the supply of electricity from the Central-West Orana and New England Renewable Energy Zones.
- Assist NSW (and Australia) in meeting its target of net zero emissions by 2050.
- Contribute to the substantial economic and social benefits for NSW that will be delivered by the NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.

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](#).