

EXHIBITION OF CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

Hunter Transmission Project

Application No	SSI-70610456
Location	Between Bayswater and Eraring via Olney
Proponent	Energy Corporation of NSW
Council Areas	Cessnock City, Singleton Shire, Lake Macquarie City, Muswellbrook Shire and Central Coast
Approval Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Description of proposal

Hunter Transmission Project, which includes:

- development of a new double circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between new switching stations at Bayswater South and Olney;
 - development of new 500 kV Bayswater South and Olney switching stations;
 - adjustments and/or upgrades to existing 500 kV transmission lines at Ravensdale and Bayswater to connect to the proposed switching stations, and to existing 330 kV transmission lines;
 - modifications to the existing Bayswater and Eraring 500 kV / 330 kV substations; and
 - ancillary infrastructure such as site offices, temporary workforce accommodation camps, internal roads and grid connection to the transmission network.
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About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) has received a critical State significant infrastructure application for the abovementioned proposal. The application, environmental impact statement, and accompanying documents are on exhibition from **Wednesday 27 August 2025** until **Wednesday 24 September 2025**. You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Controlled Action under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)

Development in NSW can be subject to Commonwealth legislation, depending on the circumstances.

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water has decided that the proposed development – known as Hunter Transmission Project (2024/09874) for Commonwealth purposes – is a “controlled action” under the EPBC Act.

The EPBC Act Part 3, Division 1 controlled provisions are:

- Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities); and
- Sections 26 and 27A (Commonwealth land).

The proposed development (2024/09874) will be assessed under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The assessment will be in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth, made under the EPBC Act. The assessment will be done in the manner specified in Schedule 1 of the Bilateral Agreement. This means the project will be assessed against the requirements of both acts.

The public notice for the project may be found at epbcpbpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals.

Have your say

To have your say on this project, you must lodge a submission online through the NSW Planning Portal before the close of exhibition.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

To do this, search for this project at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on 'Make a submission'. You will need to log in or create a user account.

Resources to help you use the NSW Planning Portal are available at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help including a step-by-step [guide](#) on how to make a submission. If you require further assistance making a submission through the portal, please contact customer support on 1300 305 695.

If you think you'll need help making a submission using the portal, it's a good idea to contact customer support sooner rather than later. Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to make a submission before the project's exhibition end date.

Before making your submission: You should read the Department's:

- disclaimer and declaration at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/disclaimer-and-declaration; and
- privacy statement at planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.

Your submission will be published on the NSW Planning Portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration. You can elect to have your name withheld from the published list of submitters. If you choose this option, do not include personal information in the body of your submission or in any attachments as your submission will be published in full.

When making a submission you will be required to include:

- your name and address;
- the name of the project and the application number;
- a statement on whether you 'support' or 'object' to the application or if you are simply providing comment;
- the reasons why you support or object to the application;
- a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/planning-approval-pathways/donations-and-gift-disclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more); and
- an acknowledgement that you accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

For more information, including the Department's submissions policy, please go to planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say.

For more information about the project: Contact (02) 8217 2022

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