



STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECLARATION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CRITICAL STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE

Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre

Application No	SSI-8609189
Description	The relevant development is for the purposes of constructing and operating a sewage treatment plant at Kemps Creek, including pipeline connections to the Nepean River, Warragamba River and the sewage reticulation system at Lansdowne.
Location	Land in the local government areas of Penrith, Canterbury-Bankstown, Wollondilly Shire, Liverpool, and Fairfield.
Applicant	Sydney Water Corporation
Council Area	Penrith, Canterbury-Bankstown, Wollondilly Shire, Liverpool, and Fairfield.
Minister who made the order	The Hon Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
Date of declaration	9 November 2021

Decision

On 9 November 2021 the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces declared the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre Project (Project) as State significant infrastructure (SSI) and critical State significant infrastructure (CSSI) in accordance with sections 5.12(4) and 5.13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

To view the order visit: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/sl-2021-699>.

Key reasons

The key reasons why the Project has been declared SSI and CSSI are:

- The Project is for a public purpose and is of significance to the State. The Project will provide a centralised wastewater service to enable the development of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Growth Area (WSAGA) and South West Growth Area (SWGA).
- The Project is consistent with Government policy and strategies including the *Greater Sydney Region Plan* and *Western Sydney District Plan* and provides essential infrastructure to service population growth and support economic development in the WSAGA and SWGA.
- The Project is essential to the State for economic reasons, as it would enable development (including for a new high-skill jobs hub proposed in the Aerotropolis precinct which would contribute 200,000 new jobs in Western Sydney and a 24-hour economy).
- The Project is predicted to create approximately 400 construction jobs and 10 operational jobs.
- The Project is essential to the ongoing social wellbeing of the State, as it would service approximately 400,000 people in Western Sydney by 2056 and contribute to the greening of the Parkland City envisaged in the *Greater Sydney Region Plan*.
- Delivery of the Project by mid-2025 is critical to meet the wastewater servicing needs of the Western Sydney Airport and population growth in the WSAGA and SWGA. Sydney Water's existing wastewater systems do not have capacity to service this growth beyond mid-2025.



- Delay in Project delivery could result in an inability to provide wastewater services to the Western Sydney Airport, potentially impacting its opening or operations, and resulting in significant negative consequences for the economic development of the Western Parkland City.
- Given the size and complexity of the Project, construction is expected to take three years. A CSSI declaration could assist in delivering the infrastructure within critical timeframes and reduce the risk of delay. This would ensure the infrastructure is in place and operational prior to the Western Sydney Airport and is available to support the expansion of the Aerotropolis region.

The considerations taken into account when making the Declaration are consistent with the principles outlined in the “*Guideline on the declaration of State Significant Infrastructure and Critical State Significant Infrastructure*’ published on the NSW Planning website [here](#).