On 12 August 2020 the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) granted consent for the development application (SSD 7480) for the Vickery Extension Project in accordance with Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act).

The Commission approved the development application subject to a range of conditions. The development consent, together with the Department’s assessment report and the Commission’s Statement of Reasons can be viewed on the Department’s website at: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/9621

The consent operates from 21 August 2020 and lapses five years from this date unless the development has physically commenced.

The development consent is subject to a condition imposed by the Commission for a Section 7.12 contribution to Narrabri Shire Council of $3.2 Million with the amount to be adjusted at the time of the actual payment in accordance with the provisions of the Narrabri Shire Section 7.12 Fixed Development Consent Levies Contributions Plan 2011. The contributions plan may be inspected at the offices of Narrabri Shire Council, 46-48 Maitland Street, Narrabri NSW 2390.

Reviews/Appeals

The Commission conducted a public hearing in respect of the application.

Certain appeal and review rights are available to applicants and objectors following determination of a development application. The applicant does not have the right to request a review of the determination under section 8.3 of the Act. As there was a public hearing by the Commission, neither the applicant nor the objectors have a right to appeal to the Land and Environment Court.