



New South Wales

Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project) Order 2018

under the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

I, the Minister for Planning, in pursuance of sections 5.12 (4) and 5.13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, make the following Order.

Dated, this 7th day of March 2018.

ANTHONY ROBERTS, MP
Minister for Planning

Explanatory note

The Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project is a proposed program of works for the expansion of the generating capacity of the Snowy Mountains Hydroelectric Scheme. Development proposed to be carried out for the purposes of Snowy 2.0 includes exploratory works, the construction of a new hydroelectric power and pump station, the construction of a tunnel between Tantangara Reservoir and Talbingo Reservoir and the construction of additional electricity power lines and substations.

The object of this Order is to declare development for the purposes of the Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure.

This Order is made under sections 5.12 (4) and 5.13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project) Order 2018*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 Amendment of State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011

Schedule 5 Critical State significant infrastructure

Insert at the end of the Schedule, with appropriate clause numbering:

Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project

- (1) The Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project is a proposed program of works for the expansion of the generating capacity of the Snowy Mountains Hydroelectric Scheme and for associated upgrades and additions to the electricity transmission network. The object of this clause is to declare development for the purposes of the Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project that is set out in this clause to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure.
- (2) This clause applies to development on land in any of the following local government areas:
 - (a) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional,
 - (b) Goulburn Mulwaree,
 - (c) Snowy Monaro Regional,
 - (d) Snowy Valleys,
 - (e) Upper Lachlan Shire,
 - (f) Yass Valley.

(3) Snowy 2.0

Development for the purpose of pumped hydro and generation works to be known as Snowy 2.0 on land between Tantangara Reservoir and Talbingo Reservoir that involves:

- (a) the carrying out of exploratory geotechnical works or engineering investigations, and
- (b) the construction and operation of an underground hydroelectric power and pump station capable of supplying approximately 2,000 megawatts of hydroelectric power, and
- (c) the construction of water and access tunnels, surge tank and intake and outlet structures at and between the two reservoirs.

(4) Transmission works

Development that involves:

- (a) the construction and operation of new electricity transmission lines and an electricity substation to the west of the Talbingo Reservoir to connect Snowy 2.0 to the existing electricity transmission network at Nurenmerenmong, east of Tumbarumba, and
- (b) the construction and operation of new electricity transmission lines between the new substation at Nurenmerenmong and an existing substation at Bannaby, north of Marulan, and
- (c) the construction and operation of new transmission lines between an existing substation at Khancoban and a location on the NSW-Victorian border generally south-west of Khancoban, and
- (d) the augmentation of the existing substation at Bannaby.

- (5) The development referred to in this clause does not include:
- (a) the carrying out of surveys, sampling, environmental investigations, geotechnical borehole drilling, test drilling, test excavations, or other tests or investigations, for the purposes of feasibility assessment and the preliminary design of the Snowy 2.0 and Transmission Project, or
 - (b) the carrying out of works to upgrade or modify electricity transmission lines, works within existing switchyards, and the installation of communications infrastructure.
- (6) **Ancillary development**
- Development that is ancillary to any other development in this clause, including the carrying out of works to upgrade or construct access roads, utilities infrastructure, construction accommodation, construction compounds and construction power supply.