



New South Wales

Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector)) Order 2019

under the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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

Dated, this 8th day of August 2019.

ROBERT STOKES, MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to declare certain development for the purposes of Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector) to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure. Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector) involves the development of high voltage electricity transmission lines within south-western New South Wales to interconnect the State-based electricity markets of New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

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 (Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector)) Order 2019*.

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:

Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector)

- (1) Development for the purposes of Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector), being the development of high voltage electricity transmission lines within south-western New South Wales to interconnect the State-based electricity markets of New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.
- (2) Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector) includes the following:
 - (a) new electricity transmission lines from the South Australian border (generally in the vicinity of Renmark Road) to Wagga Wagga,
 - (b) new electricity transmission lines from Buronga substation to the Victorian border (generally in the vicinity of Monak),
 - (c) new substation infrastructure.
- (3) Development that is ancillary to any other development in this clause, including the carrying out of works to upgrade or augment existing electricity transmission lines and substation infrastructure, the construction of access roads, utilities infrastructure, construction accommodation, construction compounds and construction power supply, and the installation and operation of communication facilities (excluding facilities using microwave technology).
- (4) The development is to be carried out on land in the following local government areas:
 - (a) Balranald,
 - (b) Edward River,
 - (c) Federation,
 - (d) Hay,
 - (e) Lockhart,
 - (f) Murray River,
 - (g) Murrumbidgee,
 - (h) Narrandera,
 - (i) City of Wagga Wagga,
 - (j) Wentworth.
- (5) In this clause:

development does not include:

 - (a) temporary access tracks, the carrying out of surveys, sampling, environmental investigations, geotechnical borehole drilling, test drilling, test excavations, or other tests or investigations, for the assessment of Project EnergyConnect (SA to NSW Electricity Interconnector), or
 - (b) communication facilities using microwave technology.