



New South Wales

# Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project) Order 2020

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.

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 the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure. The project includes development of pumped hydroelectric and generation works, electrical transmission lines and other ancillary development.

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 (Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project) Order 2020*.

### **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—

#### **Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project**

- (1) Development for the purposes of the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project.
- (2) The Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project includes the following—
  - (a) pumped hydroelectric and generation works, including—
    - (i) subsurface works to facilitate exploratory geotechnical investigations, and
    - (ii) new upper and lower water storage dams and reservoirs, and
    - (iii) a new underground pumped hydroelectric power station, and
    - (iv) water and access tunnels, surge tank, intake and outlet structures, and
    - (v) water offtake works to connect the water storage dams and reservoirs to the Macleay River, and
    - (vi) decommissioning works and rehabilitation of the site,
  - (b) transmission works, including—
    - (i) new electricity transmission lines to connect the pumped hydroelectric and generation works to the existing electricity transmission network, and
    - (ii) new electricity transmission infrastructure and upgrades on the existing transmission network back to, or in the vicinity of, the existing substation at Armidale, and
    - (iii) augmentation of the existing substation, or the construction and operation of a new substation near Armidale,
  - (c) ancillary development, including (but not limited to) access roads, on-site quarry and related infrastructure, utilities and communications infrastructure, construction accommodation, construction compounds and construction power supply.
- (3) The development is to be carried out on land in the local government areas of Armidale Regional Council and Kempsey Shire Council.
- (4) The development does not include the carrying out of surveys, sampling, environmental investigations, geotechnical borehole drilling, test drilling, test excavations or other tests or investigations for the purposes of the preliminary design and assessment of the Project.