



New South Wales

# Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Transmission) Order 2020

under the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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

Dated 23 November 2020.

ROB 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 Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Transmission project to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure. The Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Transmission project involves the development of high-voltage electricity transmission infrastructure required to connect energy generation and storage projects in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone to the existing electricity network.

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### **1 Name of Order**

This Order is the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Transmission) 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—

#### Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project

- (1) Development for the purposes of the Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project.
- (2) The Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project is a program of works to construct and operate the high-voltage electricity transmission infrastructure required to connect energy generation and storage projects within the Central-West Orana REZ to the existing electricity network.
- (3) The Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project includes the following—
  - (a) the construction and operation of new electricity transmission lines connecting from the existing electricity network south-west of Merriwa to south-west of Dunedoo and then to the existing electricity network west of Lake Burrendong,
  - (b) the construction and operation of new electricity substations,
  - (c) the augmentation of the existing electricity substation at Wollar,
  - (d) ancillary development including, but not limited to the following—
    - (i) the carrying out of works to upgrade or augment existing electricity transmission lines and substation infrastructure,
    - (ii) the construction and operation of access roads,
    - (iii) the installation and operation of communication infrastructure and facilities, excluding microwave technology,
    - (iv) the installation and operation of construction accommodation, compounds and power supplies.
- (4) The development is to be carried out on land in the following local government areas—
  - (a) Dubbo Regional,
  - (b) Mid-Western Regional,
  - (c) Upper Hunter Shire,
  - (d) Warrumbungle Shire.
- (5) In this clause—

**Central-West Orana REZ** means the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone.

**development** does not include—

  - (a) tests or investigations for the assessment of the Central-West Orana REZ Transmission project including, but not limited to, the carrying out of the following—
    - (i) surveys,
    - (ii) sampling,
    - (iii) environmental investigations,
    - (iv) geotechnical borehole drilling,
    - (v) test drilling,

- (vi) test excavations, or
- (b) the construction of temporary access tracks and temporary site facilities to allow for the carrying out of tests or investigations described in paragraph (a), or
- (c) minor works within existing switchyards.