



New South Wales

Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Great Western Highway Upgrade—Blackheath to Little Hartley Project) Order 2023

under the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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

Dated 27 February 2023.

ANTHONY ROBERTS, MP
Minister for Planning

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to declare certain development for the purposes of the Great Western Highway Upgrade project to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure. The development involves the construction and operation of new road infrastructure including twin tunnels between Blackheath and Little Hartley and the upgrade of existing roads.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Great Western Highway Upgrade—Blackheath to Little Hartley Project) Order 2023*.

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 (Planning Systems) 2021

Schedule 5 Critical State significant infrastructure

Insert at the end of the Schedule, with appropriate section numbering—

Great Western Highway Upgrade project—Blackheath to Little Hartley

- (1) Development for the purposes of the Great Western Highway Upgrade project, being the construction and operation of new road infrastructure and the upgrade of existing roads.
- (2) The development includes the following—
 - (a) construction and operation of approximately 11km of twin tunnels between Blackheath and Little Hartley, connecting to the Great Western Highway at both ends,
 - (b) construction and operation of approximately 14km of water supply pipeline between Little Hartley and Lithgow,
 - (c) upgrades to existing surface roads to facilitate the connection between the tunnels and the surface road network, including mainline carriageways and entry and exit ramps into tunnel portals at Blackheath and Little Hartley,
 - (d) utilities infrastructure, including—
 - (i) construction and operation of electricity substations at Little Hartley and in the tunnels, and
 - (ii) adjustments to, or relocation of, existing utilities infrastructure,
 - (e) ancillary development, including construction compounds, tunnel control centre facilities, ventilation systems, sediment and water quality basins, water treatment plants, emergency systems, lighting, landscaping, signage and systems for the control and management of roads.
- (3) The development is to be carried out on land in the local government areas of the City of Blue Mountains and the City of Lithgow.
- (4) In this section—

development does not include surveys, test drilling, test excavations, geotechnical or contamination investigations or other tests, sampling or investigations for the purposes of the design or assessment of the project.