



New South Wales

Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar Project) Order 2024

under the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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

Dated 19 June 2024.

PAUL SCULLY, MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Explanatory note

The object of this order is declare development for the purposes of the Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar Project to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure.

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1 Name of order

This order is the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar Project) Order 2024*.

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—

Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar Project

- (1) Development for the purposes of the Stratford Pumped Hydro and Solar Project on land in the Mid-Coast local government area, including the following—
 - (a) the construction and operation of pumped hydroelectric and generation works, including—
 - (i) an upper water storage dam and reservoir, and
 - (ii) a tunnelled waterway comprising a vertical shaft and inclined headrace tunnel between the upper reservoir intake and powerhouse and tailrace tunnel connecting the powerhouse to the lower reservoir, and
 - (iii) a powerhouse and assembly bay, and
 - (iv) upper and lower intake and outlet structures, and
 - (v) works at the Stratford East Dam for a lower reservoir,
 - (b) the construction and operation of solar electricity generating works,
 - (c) the construction and operation of battery energy storage systems,
 - (d) the upgrade of electricity transmission lines,
 - (e) the construction and operation of an electrical substation to connect the pumped hydroelectric and generation works, solar electricity generating works and battery energy storage systems to the electricity transmission network,
 - (f) decommissioning works and rehabilitation of the site,
 - (g) the emplacement of excavated materials,
 - (h) transfer of water to and from the Stratford East Dam,
 - (i) ancillary development, including access tracks and roads, construction laydown areas, excavation, intersection upgrades, utilities and communications infrastructure, water transport and storage and water treatment facilities.
- (2) In this section—

development does not include 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.