



New South Wales

# Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy 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 to declare development for the purposes of the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy 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 (Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy 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—

#### Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy Project

- (1) Development for the purposes of the Lake Lyell Pumped Hydro Energy Project on land in the City of Lithgow local government area, including the following—
  - (a) exploratory geotechnical works for the purposes of the design of the project,
  - (b) the construction and operation of new pumped hydroelectric and generation works, including the following—
    - (i) an upper water storage dam and reservoir on Mount Walker,
    - (ii) works at the Farmers Creek arm of Lake Lyell for a lower reservoir,
    - (iii) tunnels between the upper and lower reservoirs,
    - (iv) an underground powerhouse including hydroelectric generation units and transformers,
    - (v) water and access tunnels, surge tanks and inlet and outlet structures,
    - (vi) switchyards, control rooms, laydown areas and administration buildings,
  - (c) water offtake works to connect the project to the Farmers Creek arm of Lake Lyell,
  - (d) the construction and operation of new electricity transmission lines between the powerhouse, switchyard and existing 330kV transmission lines,
  - (e) decommissioning works and rehabilitation of the site,
  - (f) ancillary development, including the construction, operation or upgrade of the following—
    - (i) access tracks, roads and bridges,
    - (ii) construction compounds,
    - (iii) construction accommodation,
    - (iv) construction power supply,
    - (v) utilities and communications infrastructure,
    - (vi) water management infrastructure.
- (2) In this section—

*development* does not include surveys, archaeological excavations, sampling or environmental investigations.