Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Newcastle Gas-Fired Power Station) Order 2018

under the

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

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

Dated, this 12th day of December 2018.

ANTHONY ROBERTS, MP
Minister for Planning

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to declare certain development for the purposes of the Newcastle Gas-Fired Power Station project to be State significant infrastructure and critical State significant infrastructure. The development project includes the following:

(a) a gas-fired power station,
(b) a new transmission line to an existing substation,
(c) a gas transmission and storage pipeline, receiving station and compressor units,
(d) the decommissioning of the gas-fired power station and rehabilitation of the project site,
(e) 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 (Newcastle Gas-Fired Power Station) Order 2018.

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:

Newcastle Gas-Fired Power Station project

(1) Development for the purposes of the Newcastle Gas-Fired Power Station project.

(2) The Newcastle Gas-Fired Power Station project includes the following:
   (a) a gas-fired power station (capable of operating with diesel fuel, if necessary),
   (b) a new transmission line to an existing substation at Tomago,
   (c) a gas transmission and storage pipeline, receiving station and compressor units,
   (d) the decommissioning of the gas-fired power station and rehabilitation of the project site.

(3) Development that is ancillary to other development in this clause, including
   the upgrade or construction of water management infrastructure (such as ponds),
   construction compounds and lay-down areas, tanks, car parks, roads and access roads,
   utilities infrastructure, and facilities for unloading, administration, workshops and amenities.

(4) The development is to be carried out on land in the suburb of Tomago in the
   Port Stephens local government area.

(5) In this clause:
   development does not include surveys, sampling, environmental investigations,
   archaeological excavations or other tests for the assessment of the project.