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Hunter Transmission Project: display of environmental impact statement, a key milestone in securing energy supply in NSW

Hunter residents are encouraged to have their say on the Hunter Transmission Project's environmental impact statement (EIS), which is now on public display and open for submissions.

In a major milestone in the delivery of this State significant infrastructure project, EnergyCo today lodged the EIS with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and it will be on public exhibition until 5pm Wednesday 24 September,

The Hunter Transmission Project will unlock electricity supply from new renewable energy zones to ensure reliable, state-wide delivery of energy as coal-fired power stations close.

As with all major infrastructure projects, an EIS is an essential part of the Hunter Transmission Project planning process. It assesses the environmental, social and economic impacts and opportunities of the project. It also outlines how impacts will be avoided, minimised or managed.

The Hunter Transmission Project will provide a missing link in the electricity network and help unlock the supply of electricity from the Central-West Orana and New England Renewable Energy Zones.

Following extensive planning, community consultation since 2022, and detailed technical studies, the project has been refined to minimise impacts on people and the environment. More than 85 per cent of the infrastructure will be built on mining, energy and government land.

Quote attributable to HTP Project Director Peter Redwin:

"The Hunter Transmission Project is a vital part of NSW's plan to secure our energy future.

"The release of the environmental impact statement (EIS) marks an important step in planning and delivering infrastructure that will ensure a reliable, affordable and clean energy future.

"This milestone is the result of more than 2 years of detailed planning and extensive community consultation to ensure the project is delivered in a way that minimises impacts and maximises benefits for the local community.

"I encourage the community, landholders and stakeholders to review the EIS, understand the project and provide their feedback."

To view the EIS and make a submission, visit the NSW Planning Portal: planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say

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Background

- The community can view the document and make a submission via the NSW Planning Portal: planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say

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- EnergyCo has developed a range of resources to support the community in navigating the EIS, including information on how to make a submission and what the project means for the region. Community information sessions and online briefings are planned throughout the exhibition period. For more information, visit energyco.nsw.gov.au/http
- Through early engagement, EnergyCo has reduced the number of private landowners affected by easement acquisition to host the transmission infrastructure from 78 to fewer than 20. EnergyCo is also working with around 20 others to secure easements and leases for supporting infrastructure such as access tracks, laydown areas and road upgrades.