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**MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT  
APPROVALS (NORTH WEST TRANSMISSION  
UPGRADES PROJECT) ORDER 2020**

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I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council and in accordance with the recommendation of the Minister, make the following order under section 7(2) of the *Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999*.

Dated 22 June 2020.

C. WARNER  
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command,

R. C. JAENSCH  
Minister for Planning

**1. Short title**

This order may be cited as the *Major Infrastructure Development Approvals (North West Transmission Upgrades Project) Order 2020*.

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## 2. Commencement

This order takes effect on the day after it is approved by both Houses of Parliament under section 7 of the Act.

## 3. Interpretation

(1) In this order –

*Act* means the *Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999*;

*ancillary facilities* means facilities associated with the construction and operation of the electricity transmission line, transmission towers and electricity substations specified in clause 5(a) and (b) and includes, but is not limited to, facilities for the purposes of –

- (a) storage; and
- (b) communications; and
- (c) conductor winching and braking; and
- (d) concrete batching; and
- (e) site administration;

*Board* means the Board of the Environment Protection Authority established by section 13 of the *Environmental*

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*Management and Pollution Control Act  
1994;*

***project*** means the major infrastructure project  
specified in clause 5;

***project proponent***, in relation to the project,  
means the project proponent identified in  
clause 4.

- (2) The *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* applies to the  
interpretation of this order.

**4. Project proponent**

The project proponent is identified as Tasmanian  
Networks Pty Ltd [ABN 24 167 357 299].

**5. Major infrastructure project**

The project proposed by the project proponent,  
known as the North West Transmission  
Upgrades Project and comprising the following  
uses and developments, is declared to be a major  
infrastructure project:

- (a) the construction and operation of a  
double-circuit, extra-high-voltage 220kV  
overhead electricity transmission line and  
transmission towers, within a corridor  
120 metres wide, to transmit electricity  
between the following locations:
- (i) Palmerston and Sheffield;

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- (ii) Sheffield, Heybridge and Burnie;
  - (iii) Burnie and East Cam;
  - (iv) East Cam and Hampshire;
  - (v) Hampshire and Staverton;
- (b) the construction and operation of an electricity substation at each of the following locations:
- (i) East Cam;
  - (ii) Heybridge;
  - (iii) Hampshire;
  - (iv) Staverton;
- (c) the construction and operation of ancillary facilities to be located –
- (i) within the corridor specified in paragraph (a); and
  - (ii) at the locations specified in paragraph (b); and
  - (iii) at Nietta; and
  - (iv) at South Nietta;
- (d) the construction and operation of ancillary facilities that are conductor winching and braking sites, to be located within 150 metres of the boundary of the corridor specified in paragraph (a);

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- (e) the construction and operation of infrastructure assembly areas and vehicle access tracks, associated with the construction and operation of the electricity transmission line, transmission towers, electricity substations and ancillary facilities referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) that are –
  - (i) to be located within the corridor specified in paragraph (a) and at the electrical substations and ancillary facilities specified in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
  - (ii) to run from the boundary of that corridor, and each of those electrical substations and ancillary facilities, to the nearest suitable vehicle access track or road.

**6. Notification of owners of land**

Compliance with section 52(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* in respect of the project is not required.

**7. Planning approval process**

The planning approval process in respect of the project is to be administered by the Commission.

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**8. Environmental guidelines**

The Board must provide the project proponent, and the Commission, with the requirements for, and guidance in relation to, the preparation of the case required for an environmental impact assessment, in accordance with sections 74(3) and (4) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*, at least 7 days before draft criteria are placed on public exhibition by the Commission under section 12(3) of the *Major Infrastructure Development Approvals Act 1999*.

**9. Fee**

The project proponent is required to pay the Crown \$123 750 by 31 July 2020 to cover the costs and expenses which may be incurred by the Crown, or the Commission, in connection with the assessment of the project or the planning approval process.



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Publication Act 1953*.

Notified in the *Gazette* on 24 June 2020.

This order is administered in the Department of Justice.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the order)*

This order, for the purposes of the *Major Infrastructure  
Development Approvals Act 1999*, declares –

- (a) a project to construct an electricity transmission line between Palmerston and Staverton, known as the North West Transmission Upgrades Project, to be a major infrastructure project; and
- (b) that the Tasmanian Planning Commission is to administer the planning approval process in respect of that project.