

Newcastle Logistics Precinct Scoping Report

Supporting the delivery of Renewable Energy Zones

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EnergyCo is leading the delivery of NSW’s five Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) to provide clean and reliable electricity for generations to come.

Project Overview

The Port of Newcastle is poised to play a pivotal role as a key logistics hub for renewable development projects and will be critical to the success of NSW’s energy transition. The Port of Newcastle will act as a key import site for the processing and storing of large renewable energy components before they are transported to renewable development project sites within the REZs across NSW.

With the number of renewable energy projects growing across the State, EnergyCo is delivering the Newcastle Logistics Precinct project (the Project) to efficiently coordinate the logistics and transportation of renewable energy components.

The Project is proposed to be built on the government-owned Intertrade site which is located next to the Port of Newcastle.

The Project will provide additional portside space to store renewable energy components and optimise their storage and transportation to REZs from the Port of Newcastle. Delivery works will include the construction of hardstand area, upgrades to existing intersections and new access roads, and new ancillary infrastructure such as staff buildings and site drainage.

The Project is set to commence construction in 2026, with initial operations expected to start in 2027 to support the delivery of critical REZ projects.

Key benefits of the Project

-  **Ensures** sufficient storage space to enable the transition to new renewable energy in NSW
-  **Serves** an important role in safely and efficiently delivering components across the State
-  **Enables** coordinated logistics management of components to mitigate impacts on other port users and industries
-  **Future-proofed** to service the needs of new renewable energy projects
-  **More** opportunities for local businesses to support transport and logistics activities
-  **Construction** and supply-chain benefits where local suppliers and workforces are prioritised
-  **Considers** the heritage value of the site and how to preserve it, given the importance of it to the people of Newcastle

The Newcastle Logistics Precinct next to the Port of Newcastle



Statutory context

The Project is being assessed as State Significant Infrastructure (SSI). As an SSI project, the economic, social and environmental impacts associated with the Project must be assessed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

EnergyCo must first prepare a scoping report which provides an overview of the Project and key matters requiring assessment in the EIS. This scoping report is lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). After the scoping report is reviewed by DPHI and other relevant NSW Government agencies, DPHI provides EnergyCo with Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs will guide the preparation of the EIS to ensure it addresses all relevant requirements before the Project is assessed by DPHI.

Once SEARs have been issued, EnergyCo will prepare the EIS for the Project. The EIS will be publicly exhibited by DPHI in late 2025.

During this exhibition period, stakeholders and members of the community can make a formal submission to provide feedback on the Project. At the end of the exhibition period, EnergyCo must

submit a submissions report which summarises the feedback received.

The Project is then assessed by DPHI before a determination is made by the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

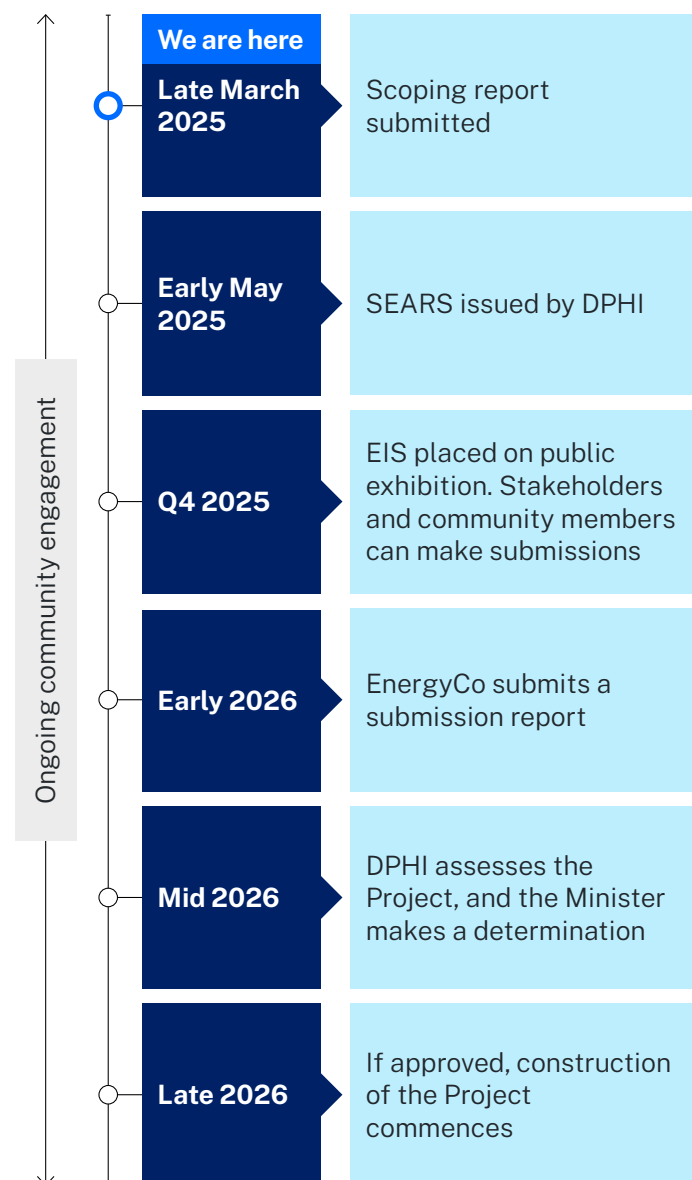
What is a scoping report?

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) requires a scoping report to be prepared for all SSI projects. The scoping report must be submitted and reviewed by DPHI before a project can obtain SEARs. SEARs are issued by DPHI and help inform the contents and requirements of the EIS. The purpose of a scoping report is to:

- Describe the project
- Include any alternative options considered
- Identify what engagement will be carried out
- Identify the key matters requiring assessment in the EIS

EnergyCo has prepared a scoping report for the Project which is now available to view on DPHI's [Major Project's website](#).

Project development timeline



Chapter overview

The scoping report is a large document and addresses a range of different topics to help inform the SEARS issued by DPHI. Each chapter of the scoping report is summarised below:



Chapter 1 – Introduction

Provides an overview of the Project and the content of the scoping report.



Chapter 2 – Strategic context

Identifies the need for the Project and how it aligns with relevant Australian and NSW Government policies. It also describes the Project objectives, alternative options considered, and a summary of the Project development process.



Chapter 3 – Project description

Outlines the key components of the Project, including the built features, construction activities, maps of areas to be developed, and operational and maintenance aspects of the Project.



Chapter 4 – Statutory context

Explains the planning and approval process for the Project at both a State and Federal level and demonstrates how the Project will meet these requirements.



Chapter 5 – Stakeholder and community engagement

Outlines the community and stakeholder engagement carried out for the Project and includes an outline of future engagement activities planned for the upcoming stages of the Project.



Chapter 6 – Proposed environmental assessment

Describes the environmental investigations to be undertaken as part of the EIS process, which include but not limited to noise and vibration, traffic and transport, and non-Aboriginal heritage impact assessments.



Chapter 7 – Conclusion

Presents outcomes of the preliminary assessment undertaken and key environmental issues of the Project that would undergo assessments during preparation of the EIS, as well as a summary of next steps following submission of the scoping report and issue of the SEARS.



Chapter 8 – References

Identifies the key reports and documents used to create the scoping report.



Have your say

If you would like to learn more about the Newcastle Logistics Precinct project, scan the QR code to find out when and where we will be in your area, or call 1800 849 794 and chat to a team member.



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Tools and resources

There are a range of supporting resources and tools available to help you better understand the scoping report and learn more about key topics.

NSW Government's Major Projects website: Search Newcastle Logistics Precinct on the Major Projects website at [Major Projects | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment](#). This is also where the EIS will be published and exhibited for public submissions later in 2025.

- **EnergyCo website:** You can find further details on the Newcastle Logistics Precinct project, as well as other renewable energy projects being delivered by EnergyCo, on our website at energyco.nsw.gov.au/nlp
- **Interactive map:** Our interactive map shows the location of the Project and is available to view online.



Wind farm near Wellington

Next steps

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please contact us via the details below.

EnergyCo will continue to engage with key stakeholders and the community during the development of the EIS. Once the EIS is submitted and publicly exhibited, we encourage you to make a formal submission.

Contact us

To stay up to date with the latest project information, we encourage you to register to receive regular email updates. We will continue to inform the community as the project progresses.



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