

RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE (NEW ENGLAND) ORDER 2026

Under the

Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 (Act)

I, Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Energy, make the following Order under section 22(1) of the Act.

Dated this day of 2026

Penny Sharpe MLC

Minister for Energy

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1. Name of Order

This Order is the *Renewable Energy Zone (New England) Order 2026*.

2. Commencement Date

This Order commences on the date that it is published in the Gazette.

3. Definitions

Unless otherwise defined in this Order, words and phrases defined in the Act have the same meaning in this Order or the NE REZ declaration.

NE REZ Declaration means the Renewable Energy Zone (New England) Order 2021 published in the Gazette on 17 December 2021.

4. Amendment of the NE REZ declaration

The NE REZ Declaration is hereby amended under this Order pursuant to section 22(1) of the Act.

Schedule 2 of the NE REZ Declaration is amended as shown in the Schedule to this Order pursuant to section 22(1) of the Act.

Schedule – Amendment to the NE REZ Declaration

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Armidale West Substation means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV.

Bayswater South Substation means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV.

Central A Energy Hub means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV.

Central B Energy Hub means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV.

Central South Energy Hub means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV.

East Energy Hub means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV.

Guyra Switchyard means the planned switchyard proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at nominal voltages of 330 kV or 500 kV.

Indicative Plan means the plan set out in Schedule 3 of this Order.

North Energy Hub means the planned substation proposed to be located as shown in the Indicative Plan and operating at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV.

Specified geographical area means the land identified as the 'New England Renewable Energy Zone Geographical Area' in Schedule 1 of this Order.

4. Declaration of the New England renewable energy zone

The New England renewable energy zone is hereby declared and comprises:

- (a) the specified geographical area; and
- (b) the network infrastructure specified in Schedule 2 of this Order.

5. Intended network capacity for the network infrastructure in the renewable energy zone

The intended network capacity for network infrastructure in the New England renewable energy zone is 8 gigawatts.

6. New England renewable energy zone infrastructure planner

The Minister has appointed the Energy Corporation as infrastructure planner for the New England renewable energy zone.

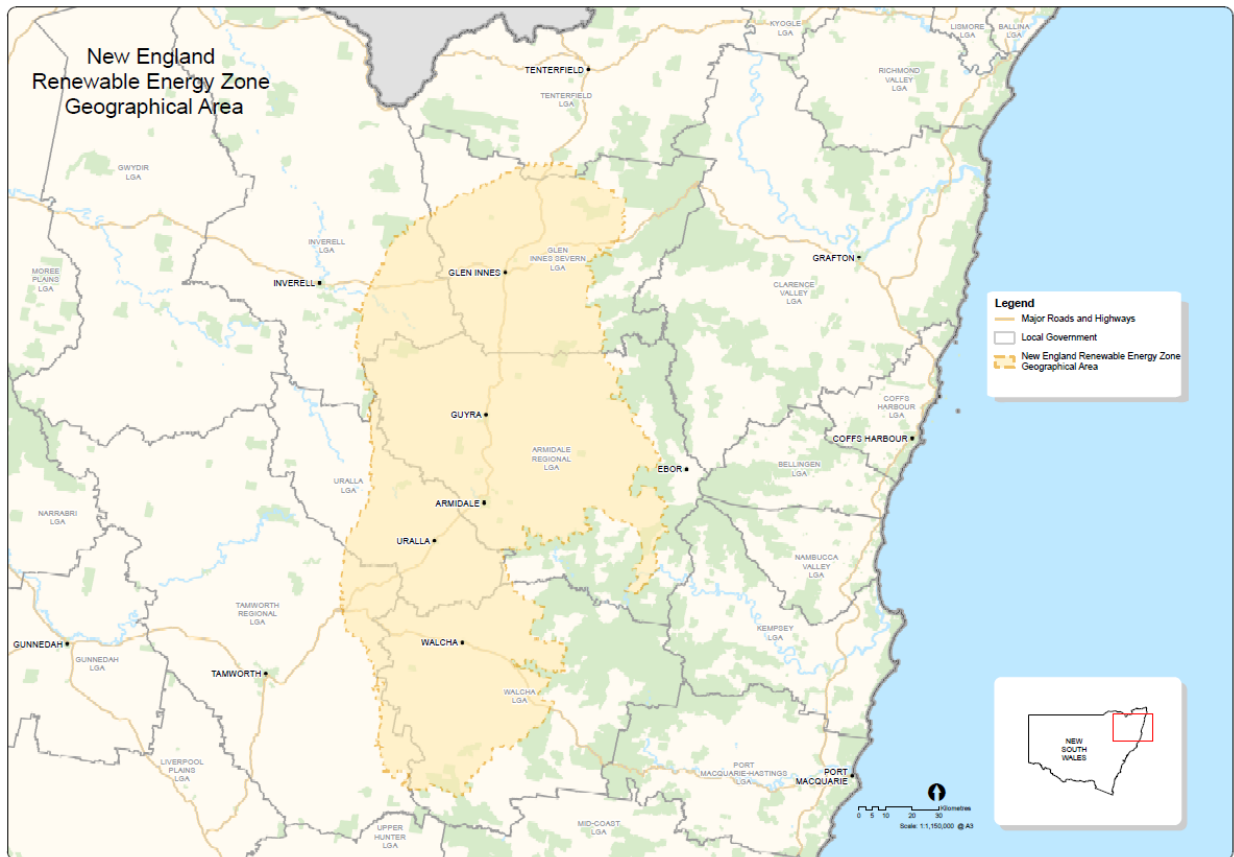
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Schedule 1

Specified geographical area

The specified geographical area is the land identified as 'New England Renewable Energy Zone Geographical Area' in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Map identifying the 'New England Renewable Energy Zone Geographical Area'



Schedule 2

Specified network infrastructure

1. The following network infrastructure is specified:
 - (a) planned and new network infrastructure intended to operate at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV connecting:
 - i. Bayswater 500 kV Substation to the Central South Energy Hub, including outside the specified geographical area;
 - ii. Bayswater South Substation to the Central A Energy Hub, including outside the specified geographical area;
 - iii. Central South Energy Hub to the Central B Energy Hub;
 - iv. Central A Energy Hub to Central B Energy Hub;
 - v. Central A Energy Hub to North Energy Hub;
 - vi. North Energy Hub to Guyra Switchyard;
 - vii. Central B Energy Hub to East Energy Hub; or
 - viii. Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation to Central B Energy Hub;
 - (b) planned and new network infrastructure intended to operate at a nominal voltage of 330 kV or 500 kV at Bayswater 500 kV Substation, Bayswater South Substation, Central South Energy Hub, Central A Energy Hub, Central B Energy Hub, North Energy Hub and East Energy Hub;
 - (c) planned, new and existing network infrastructure operating at nominal voltages of 132 kV or 330 kV connecting:
 - i. two or more of Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation, Uralla 330 kV Switchyard and Tamworth 330kV/132kV Substation, including outside the specified geographical area;
 - ii. Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation to Inverell 132kV/66kV Substation, but only the portion within the specified geographical area;
 - iii. Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation to Kempsey 132kV/66kV/33kV Substation, but only the portion within the specified geographical area;
 - iv. Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation to Coffs Harbour 132kV/33kV Substation, but only the portion within the specified geographical area;
 - v. two or more of Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation, METZ SF 132 kV Switchyard and Koolkhan 132kV/66kV Substation, but only the portion within the specified geographical area;
 - vi. Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation to the Glen Innes 132kV/66kV Substation;
 - vii. Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation to the Sapphire 330kV/33kV Substation;
 - viii. Sapphire 330kV/33kV Substation to Dumaresq 330kV switchyard, but only the portion within the specified geographical area;
 - ix. Glen Innes 132kV/66kV Substation to Tenterfield 132kV/22kV Substation, but only the portion within the specified geographical area; and
 - x. two or more of Glen Innes 132kV/66kV Substation, White Rock WF 132 kV Switchyard and Inverell 132kV/66kV Substation, but only the portion within the specified geographical area;
 - (d) planned, new and existing network infrastructure operating at nominal voltages of 33 kV to 330 kV at Armidale 330kV/132kV Substation, Sapphire 330kV/33kV Substation, Glen Innes

132kV/66kV Substation, White Rock WF 132 kV Switchyard, METZ SF 132 kV Switchyard or Uralla 330 kV Switchyard, including outside the specified geographical area; and

- (e) planned, new and existing network infrastructure operating at nominal voltages of 33 kV to 330 kV at Tamworth 330kV/132kV Substation, which is located outside the specified geographical area;
- (f) planned and new network infrastructure in the specified geographical area operating at nominal voltages of 132 kV, 330 kV or 500 kV connecting to any other network infrastructure specified in clauses 1(a) to 1(f) of this Schedule 2; and
- (g) to the extent not specified in clauses 1(a) to 1(f) of this Schedule 2, planned, new and existing network infrastructure in the specified geographical area.

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Schedule 3

Indicative Plan

The Indicative Plan showing the approximate location of planned substations is set out in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Map identifying the approximate location of planned substations.

