# **Exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

# **Marulan Gas-Fired Power Stations**

**Application No** MP 07 0174, MP 07 0175 and MP 07 0176

**Location** Site off Canyonleigh Road, Brayton, approximately 12 kilometres north of Marulan

Proponent EnergyAustralia and Delta Electricity

Council area Upper Lachlan and Goulburn-Mulwaree

Approval Authority Minister for Planning

### **Description of proposal**

Construction and operation of two gas-fired power stations (with the combined capacity of up to 800 megawatts) and associated infrastructure, including a transmission line, gas pipeline and access roads, on a site near Marulan.

The EnergyAustralia power station would comprise two open cycle gas turbines with a total capacity of up to 350 megawatts.

The Delta Electricity power station is proposed to be developed in two stages comprising:

- Stage 1: two open cycle turbines with a total capacity of 250 to 350 megawatts; and
- Stage 2: conversion to a combined cycle facility with a total capacity of 400 to 450 megawatts.

The respective power stations are proposed to be constructed and operated separately by EnergyAustralia and Delta Electricity, whilst shared works (e.g. bulk earthworks for facilities, the transmission line, gas pipeline and access roads) are proposed to be jointly developed.

The Proponents have submitted a joint concept plan application for the entire proposal (MP 07\_0174). In addition, EnergyAustralia has submitted a project application (MP 07\_0175) for the construction and operation of its power station, and Delta Electricity has submitted a project application (MP 07\_0176) for the construction and operation of Stage 1 of its power station.

#### **Application of Part 3A**

On 8 October 2007, the Director-General as delegate for the Minister for Planning formed the opinion that the proposal is a development of a kind described in Schedule 1 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005* and is therefore a proposal to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) Consequently, the Minister for Planning is the approval authority for the proposal. The proposal is subject to the Minister's declaration of critical infrastructure dated 26 February 208 with respect to development for the purpose of a facility for the generation of electricity that has the capacity to generate at least 250 megawatts.

#### Exhibition

The Proponents have prepared three Environmental Assessments (EAs) in support of its three applications. The EAs will be placed on public exhibition from **Wednesday 10 September 2008** until **Monday 13 October 2008** during regular business hours, at:

- Department of Planning, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Nature Conservation Council of NSW, Level 2, 301 Kent Street, Sydney;
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council, 44 Spring Street, Crookwell; and
- Goulburn Mulwaree Council. Civic Centre. 184-194 Bourke Street. Goulburn.

A copy of the EAs may also be viewed on the Department of Planning's website (www.planning.nsw.gov.au).

# **Submissions**

You are invited to make a written submission on this proposal. This submission should include:

- your name and address;
- the name and application reference number (MP 07\_0174, MP 07\_0175 and/ or MP 07\_0176) of the proposal;
- a statement on whether you support or object to the proposal; and
- the reasons why you support or object to the proposal.

Your submission must reach the Department of Planning by close of business on **Monday 13 October 2008** and should be addressed to:

Director, Major Infrastructure Assessments Department of Planning GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Under section 75H of the EP&A Act, the Director-General is required to provide copies of submissions received during the exhibition period, or a report of the issues raised in those submissions, to the Proponent and other interested public authorities. If you do not want your contact details to be made available to the Proponent or these public authorities, please state this in your submission.

## **Enquiries**

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