

**Record of Minister's authorisation of a Concept Plan under section 75M(1) of the
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**

I, the Minister for Planning, authorise the submission of a Concept Plan for the development described in the Schedule below.

Schedule

Development by Country Energy for the purposes of upgrading the electricity supply network in the Lismore, Ballina, Ewingsdale and Mullumbimby areas to achieve a 132 kV network, located within the local government areas of Ballina, Lismore and Byron (the "Project"), and involving:

1. construction of the following substations:
 - (a) 132/11kV substation at Brunswick Heads;
 - (b) 132/11kV substation at Suffolk Park;
2. construction of the following transmissions lines:
 - (a) 132kV transmission line from the Mullumbimby to Ewingsdale 66kV transmission line to the Brunswick Heads substation;
 - (b) 132kV transmission line from the Lismore 132/66kv substation to join to the Alstonville to Ballina 66kV transmission line near Alstonville;
 - (c) 66kV transmission line from the Lismore South 66/11kV substation to the proposed Lismore University 66kV switching station;
 - (d) two underground 66kV lines from Lismore 132/66kV substation to Lismore South 66/11kV substation;
3. upgrade of the following substations including:
 - (a) Mullumbimby 132/66/11kV substation to 132/11kV;
 - (b) Lennox Head 66/11kV substation to 132/11kV;
 - (c) Lismore 132/66kV substation (construct additional switch bay for new feeder);
 - (d) Lismore South 66/11kV substation (construct additional switch bay for new feeder);
 - (e) Ballina 66/11kV substation to 132/66/11kV;
 - (f) Ewingsdale 66/11kV substation to 132/11kV;
4. upgrade, including any necessary realignments or deviations of the following transmission lines:
 - (a) 66kV transmission line from the Mullumbimby 132/66/11kV substation to the Ballina 66/11kv substation, to 132 kV; and
 - (b) 66kV transmission line from the Ballina 66/11kV substation to join to the new 132kV transmission line identified in 2(b) above (via either Teven or West Ballina), to 132kV.
5. development for the purposes of the Project including development for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) construction (including demolition) and operation of the Project;
 - (b) demolition of the decommissioned Mullumbimby power station;
 - (c) demolition of the decommissioned Lismore power station;

- (d) all associated or ancillary works, activities, uses, structures or facilities for the purposes of the Project;
- (e) access for construction and operation of the Project, including access for pedestrians, public transport and vehicles;
- (f) environmental management and pollution control for the Project;
- (g) any realignment, modification, demolition or replacement of the existing transmission or distribution lines for the Project;

but not including preliminary works (including surveys, test drilling, test excavation and geotechnical investigations) associated with the design, or environmental assessments required for the Project prior to the commencement of construction.



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Minister for Planning

Date:

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