



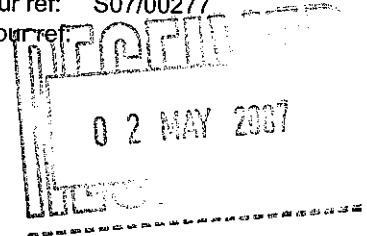
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Our ref: S07/00277

Your ref:



Dear Mr Norton

Proposed Expansion of Wilga Park Gas-Fired Power Station and Associated Infrastructure, Narrabri Local Government Area (Reference: 07_0023)

Please be advised that on 20 April 2007, the Director General of the Department of Planning, under delegation from the Minister for Planning, formed the opinion under clause 6 that the abovementioned project meets the requirements of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005*.

The project is therefore declared to be a Major Project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and will be assessed and determined by the Minister for Planning. I have enclosed a copy of the record of the Director-General's opinion for your information and reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9228 6447 or patricia.cabezas@planning.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss or clarify this matter.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Cabezas 27.04.07
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Record of Minister's opinion for the purposes of Clause 6(1) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005

I, the Director-General of the Department of Planning, as delegate of the Minister for Planning under delegation executed on 26 February 2007, have formed the opinion that the development described in the Schedule below, is development of a kind that is described in Schedule 1 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005 – namely Clause 24(a) “Development for the purpose of an electricity generation facility that has the capital investment value of more than \$30 million for gas or coal-fired generation, or co-generation, or bioenergy, bio-fuels, waste gas, bio-digestion or waste to energy generation, or hydro or wave power generation, or solar power generation, or wind generation,” and is thus declared to be a project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* applies for the purpose of section 75B of that Act.

Schedule

A proposal by Eastern Star Gas Ltd to expand an existing gas-fired electricity generation facility near Narrabri from 11MW to 40MW and associated infrastructure, generally as described in report entitled *Petroleum Exploration Licence 238 Gas Utilisation Project – New South Wales Major Projects Application – Preliminary Assessment Report 9 February 2007*, submitted to the Department of Planning on 12 February 2007 by Mr Dennis Morton, Managing Director, Eastern Star Gas.

Sam Haddad

Sam Haddad
Director-General

Date: 20/4/2007.