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### **Planning system supports 6,200 jobs and \$7 billion in January**

In the first month of 2010, 32 major projects worth more than \$7.4 billion that will support more than 6,200 jobs were approved through the NSW Government planning system.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the figures show Government was hard at work over the summer period, driving the delivery of job-creating investment in NSW.

“Since September 2008, the Government has approved 631 major projects supporting more than 78,300 jobs and \$31.6 billion worth of investment in NSW,” the Minister said.

“The figures for January show the planning system will continue to be a major stimulus mechanism for the State’s economy into the new year and beyond.”

During January 2010:

- 32 major projects were approved supporting 4,769 construction jobs, 1,442 operational jobs and more than \$7.4 billion worth of capital investment in NSW;
- Of the 32, nine were approved by the Minister;
- The independent Planning Assessment Commission determined two projects under delegation from the Minister; and
- A further 21 approvals were made by the Department of Planning under relevant parts of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

Mr Kelly said the \$2.2 billion Cadia East mine approval was one of the most significant approvals in January, it will support almost 2,000 jobs alone.

“The largest underground mining operation in Australia and the second largest gold mine in the world is expected to inject more than \$1 billion into the local and regional economies of the State’s Central West,” the Minister said.

“Other approvals during January include the important upgrade of the Pacific Highway from Tintenbar to Ewingsdale and the \$110 million state-of-the-art Garvan St Vincent’s cancer research and care facility, which will be the site of important breakthroughs in cancer research, and the very highest quality care for cancer patients.

“These approvals demonstrate the NSW planning system is providing the necessary framework for major private and public sector investment.”

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## Major Projects State-wide update January 2010

1 to 31 January 2010					
	Approvals	Jobs – Construction	Jobs – Operational	Jobs – Total	CIV
<b>Minister</b>					
Part 3A					
Concept	2	1,850	110	1,960	\$4,000,000,000
Project	6	2,596	1,280	3,876	\$3,335,650,000
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	8	4,446	1,390	5,836	\$7,335,650,000
Part 3A Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
Part 4	0	0	0	0	\$0
Part 4 Mod	1	0	0	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4,446</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>5,836</b>	<b>7,335,650,000</b>
<b>Department</b>					
Part 3A					
Concept	0	0	0	0	\$0
Project	1	290	5	295	\$18,000,000
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	1	290	5	295	\$18,000,000
Part 3A Mod	6	16	0	16	\$6,000,000
Part 4	5	15	5	20	\$11,850,300
Part 4 Mod	9	2	0	2	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>\$35,890,300</b>
<b>Planning Assessment Commission</b>					
Part 3A					
Concept	0	0	0	0	\$0
Project	2	0	42	42	\$40,031,000
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	2	0	42	42	\$40,031,000
Part 3A Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$40,031,000</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4,769</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>\$7,411,571,300</b>



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8 September 2008 to 31 January 2009					
	Approvals	Jobs – Construction	Jobs – Operational	Jobs – Total	CIV
<b>Minister</b>					
Part 3A					
Concept	27	12,463	10,071	22,534	\$12,199,719,630
Project	113	19,072	16,840	35,912	\$15,347,800,985
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	140	31,535	26,911	58,446	\$27,547,520,615
Part 3A Mod	11	2,500	12,087	14,587	\$2,536,414,000
Part 4	8	1	0	1	\$3,086,760
Part 4 Mod	13	23	0	23	\$14,885,858
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>34,059</b>	<b>38,998</b>	<b>73,057</b>	<b>\$30,101,907,233</b>
<b>Department</b>					
Part 3A					
Concept	1	0	0	0	\$0
Project	33	961	808	1,769	\$313,270,029
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	34	961	808	1,769	\$313,270,029
Part 3A Mod	151	246	381	627	\$115,531,706
Part 4	110	162	78	240	\$35,172,454
Part 4 Mod	156	276	66	342	\$681,220,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>2,978</b>	<b>\$1,145,194,370</b>
<b>Planning Assessment Commission</b>					
Part 3A					
Concept	1	550	600	1,150	\$120,000,000
Project	7	335	781	1,116	\$317,421,000
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	8	885	1,381	2,266	\$437,421,000
Part 3A Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>\$437,421,000</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>36,589</b>	<b>41,712</b>	<b>78,301</b>	<b>\$31,684,522,603</b>



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## Glossary of Terms

### Major Projects

Major Projects are proposals that come to the NSW Government for assessment and determination under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act). The Major Projects State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) provides a list of the types of development which can be considered major projects, along with relevant thresholds or location. If the Minister forms the opinion a particular proposal meets the criteria outlined in the Major Projects SEPP, it's declared a major project. This is sometimes referred to as a 'non-discretionary' project. The Minister also has the power to declare a proposal to be a Major Project by order in the Government Gazette should the Minister consider the project to be of State or regional environmental planning significance. This is sometimes referred to as a 'discretionary project.'

### Part 3A

Part 3A of the Act sets out the steps which must be followed in the assessment of major projects such as public exhibition of the proposal and factors to be considered in the assessment of the project.

### Concept plan

A concept plan provides a broad overview of the proposed development and establishes a planning framework for the site. Once a proposal has been declared a major project the Minister may also decide whether to authorise or require the proponent to lodge a concept plan for the project. If a concept plan is approved, further approvals may be required before the project can proceed to actual construction and future project applications for the site must be consistent with the approved concept plan.

### Project application

While concept plans can be useful for some larger or more complex sites, the majority of proposals assessed as major projects are 'project applications'. Rather than providing a broad overview, a project application is an application to actually construct something, for example: a power station, tourist facility or hospital. Approval of a project application means that the proponent is able to proceed to the construction phase of the project, subject to the imposed conditions of approval.

### Part 4

Part 4 of the Act is that part of the legislation under which the vast majority of development applications (DAs) are assessed across the State, including applications to local councils for matters such as residential unit blocks or commercial buildings. While most proposals dealt with by the State Government are handled under Part 3A of the Act, the Government continues to be the consent authority under Part 4 for certain types of development – most commonly in the alpine area of the State.

### Part 3A & Part 4 Modifications

Proponents may apply to have their approval modified to allow for a project to be varied or to proceed in a different manner than originally approved. In order to have a proposal considered as a modification the proponent must demonstrate that the proposal, once modified, will remain substantially the same as the development that was originally approved. If this is not the case, the proponent is required to lodge an entirely new project application under 3A or DA under Part 4.

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