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MORE THAN 3,000 JOBS & \$1.2 BILLION INVESTMENT IN OCTOBER

A total of 27 development proposals worth \$1.2 billion and supporting in excess of 3,000 jobs were approved through the NSW planning system in October 2010.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the figures show the State's major projects assessment system is continuing to promote strong investment.

"Investment in NSW facilitated through Government approvals since September 2008 has now topped \$41.2 billion," the Minister said.

"This represents 933 approvals supporting more than 140,636 jobs."

During October:

- 27 approvals were granted, supporting 973 construction jobs, 2,043 operational jobs and \$1.2 billion worth of capital investment;
- Of the 27 projects, two were approved by the Minister; and
- A further 24 approvals were made by the Department of Planning, and one by the Planning Assessment Commission.

Mr Kelly said the largest approval was for the \$550 million upgrade of the M2 motorway.

"This project will generate 550 construction jobs and 10 operational positions once the project is completed," the Minister said.

"The upgrade will provide 18 kilometres of new traffic lanes and will deliver increased capacity and improved traffic flow for the 120,000 drivers who use the motorway each weekday.

"The \$500 million upgrade of the Munmorah power station, near Wyong, was also approved, allowing for the refurbishment of the existing 700-megawatt facility and replacement of ageing components, so it can operate to maximum capacity.

"The power station upgrade will employ 150 people during construction and will improve the environmental and operating efficiency of the plant.

"This will ensure one of the State's oldest power stations can continue to deliver jobs and investment in the region for at least the next 20 years."



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Major Projects - State Wide Update - October 2010

8 September 2008 to 31 October 2010

	Approvals	Jobs – Const	Jobs – Oper	Jobs – Total	CIV
Minister					
Part 3A					
Concept	36	30,563	24,803	55,366	\$14,656,721,261
Project	138	22,836	27,787	50,623	\$19,593,597,017
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>53,399</i>	<i>52,590</i>	<i>105,989</i>	<i>\$34,250,318,278</i>
Part 3A Mod	16	2,550	12,468	15,018	\$2,633,614,000
Part 4	9	11	5	16	\$6,386,760
Part 4 Mod	14	23	0	23	\$14,885,858
Total	213	55,983	65,063	121,046	\$36,905,204,896
Department					
Part 3A					
Concept	4	425	414	839	\$689,600,000
Project	68	5,338	3,693	9,031	\$1,294,621,671
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>5,763</i>	<i>4,107</i>	<i>9,870</i>	<i>\$1,984,221,671</i>
Part 3A Mod	264	856	600	1,456	\$1,079,573,433
Part 4	155	196	93	289	\$38,751,764
Part 4 Mod	206	380	135	515	\$225,378,181
Total	697	7,195	4,935	12,130	\$3,327,925,049
Planning Assessment Commission					
Part 3A					
Concept	3	2,130	1,755	3,885	\$431,265,000
Project	20	1,238	2,337	3,575	\$565,245,820
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>3,368</i>	<i>4,092</i>	<i>7,460</i>	<i>\$996,510,820</i>
Part 3A Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
Total	23	3,368	4,092	7,460	\$996,510,820
Grand total	933	66,546	74,090	140,636	\$41,229,640,765

1 to 31 October 2010

	Approvals	Jobs – Const	Jobs – Oper	Jobs – Total	CIV
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Part 3A					
Concept	0	0	0	0	\$0
Project	2	700	10	710	\$1,050,000,000
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>700</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>\$1,050,000,000</i>
Part 3A Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
Part 4	0	0	0	0	\$0
Part 4 Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
Total	2	700	10	710	\$1,050,000,000
Department					
Part 3A					
Concept	0	0	0	0	\$0
Project	5	150	831	981	\$85,672,226
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>831</i>	<i>981</i>	<i>\$85,672,226</i>
Part 3A Mod	14	3	0	3	\$43,610,000
Part 4	4	0	2	2	\$5,823,310
Part 4 Mod	1	0	0	0	\$0
Total	24	153	833	986	\$135,105,536
Planning Assessment Commission					
Part 3A					
Concept	0	0	0	0	\$0
Project	1	120	1,200	1,320	\$41,500,000
<i>Total Part 3A</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1,320</i>	<i>\$41,500,000</i>
Part 3A Mod	0	0	0	0	\$0
Total	1	120	1,200	1,320	\$41,500,000
Grand total	27	973	2,043	3,016	\$1,226,605,536



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Glossary of Terms

Major Projects

Major Projects are proposals that come to the State 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 that a particular proposal meets the criteria outlined in the Major Projects SEPP, then it is 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.
