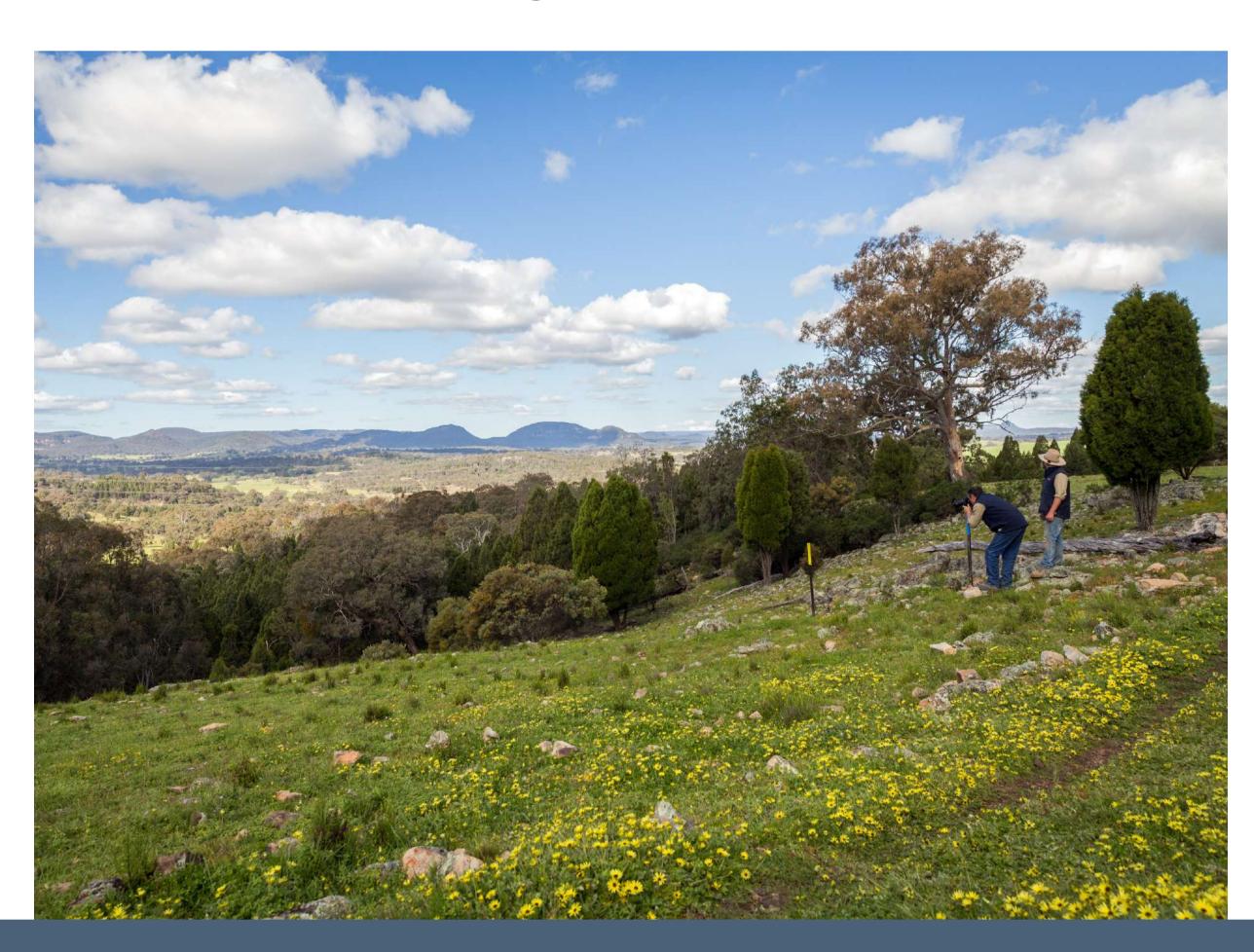
What is the Development Application Process?



- Application to be prepared and submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)
- Application to be supported by a comprehensive EIS
- Public exhibition of EIS
- Assessment by DPE and review/determination by the independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC)



Development Assessment process

Proponent prepares and submits a PEA and request for SEARs

DPE issues project specific SEARs

Applicant prepares the EIS, which includes a social impact assessment, and lodges it together with a Development Application (DA)

DPE assesses the EIS and makes a recommendation on the determination of the DA for review by the PAC

The DA is determined by the consent authority by refusing consent or granting consent with conditions

Applicant must comply with the conditions of consent and monitor performance

DPE monitors
Applicant's
compliance with the
conditions of consent

Social Impact Assessment process*

PHASE 1

Understand the issues - profile and scope

PHASE 2

Analyse and assess the likely impact pathways

PHASE 3

Develop mitigation and enhancement strategies and adaptive monitoring and management arrangements

PHASE 4

Implement mitigation and enhancement strategies and adaptive monitoring and managment arrangements

If the Applicant applies for a modification to the consent that is likely to result in social impacts that are new or different to those assessed as part of the original development, the Applicant should seek advice from the DPE on the appropriate process.

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SIA and the development process for State Significant Development resource projects

* Based on Vanclay F et al (2015). Social impact assessment: Guidance for assessing and managing the social impacts of projects. Fargo ND: International Association of Impact Assessment





An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared to assess the environmental effects of the Project

Key environmental and social studies to be undertaken include:

- Noise, Vibration and Blasting
- Visibility
- Air Quality
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Aquatic Ecology
- Soils and Land Capability
- Site Access
- Transport
- Health Risk and Lead Management
- Aboriginal and Cultural Heritage
- Surface Water
- Groundwater
- Social Impact
- Agriculture Impact
- Economic Impact

"A Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is the process of analysing, assessing and responding to the potential social impacts of a proposed development, with a view to minimising negative social impacts and enhancing positive social impacts"

(Source: DPE SIA draft Guidelines)