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s 22 – confirmation from NSW below. Given proposed path discussed earlier, do you want to push the below to relevant Min Offices?

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Hi Roland

Thanks for your patience while we reverted and your time to discuss last night.

Recognising the Commonwealth regards the Narrabri project as pivotal to national energy policy, NSW is comfortable with it being included in the announcement provided the language reflects the NSW Independent Planning Commission process (i.e. it should note that the project is still subject to determination by the NSW Independent Planning Commission in accordance with applicable State legislation).

As for Mole River Dam, NSW agrees this remain off the list but request any messaging states that it has not been included as it doesn't have significant near-term job creation potential, but that both Governments remain committed to progressing this project.

Happy to discuss.

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Hi s 22

Thanks for this. The advice I'm getting from the relevant agency here is the potential sensitivity links to the overarching commitment/framing around halving project approval timeframes to an average of ~21 months, which given where Narrabri is up to in the approvals process is a bit hard to influence through administrative efficiencies, better alignment early between regulators and collaboration with proponent etc. Is that the issue, as you understand it? From our perspective, the overall/average timeframe ambition sits alongside what we're collectively seeking to achieve in terms of ensuring projects already under assessment are able to reach approval and construction without unnecessary delays.

In terms of ensuring public confidence in decision-making processes, I think that can be managed effectively through ensuring the messaging is appropriately deferential to where things are at in the relevant approval process. The Narrabri proposal was referenced in the Energy Bilateral Agreement between NSW and Cth agreed earlier this year, for the potential benefits of increasing gas supply, so I'm not sure inclusion in the major projects list materially alters the public perception of the project being supported by both governments as a priority, subject of course to relevant regulatory approvals.

Please let me know if I've got the wrong end of the stick, and happy to discuss if that'd be helpful. Cheers

Roland

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Hi Roland

Thanks for your time on the phone

As flagged earlier, the Narrabri Gas Project (another project on the list) is currently being determined by the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC), who will be holding public hearings in the last weeks of July 2020.

NSW has concerns about an imminent announcement re Narrabri Gas Project and have requested it be removed from the PM's list for the following reasons:

- Any impression that the outcome of the IPC process is pre-determined could undermine public trust in the process.
- The NSW assessment of the project has included assessment of impact on EPBC matters, through application of the 'joint team' arrangements existing in NSW under our current Bilateral Agreement.

Our NSW DPIE colleagues have flagged these concerns with their Federal counterparts who we understand, also agree.

Noting an announcement is expected this Friday, would appreciate if we can discuss today.

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Hi Simon and Kristy

As relayed on phone, the list of 15 major projects has been removed from tomorrow's NATCAB agenda.

Can you please work with DPMO to turn the attached list into a final product for circulation at the coming NATCAB meeting in a fortnight's time?

I leave to you to propose the level of detail, framing, format, detail etc appropriate to manage sensitivities with colleagues, states and stakeholders. Can you please provide a draft product to s 22 and I (PMO contacts for this – please copy both of us in to all traffic) by COB Tuesday next week? Please also include a short email setting out the proposed decision / recs for NATCAB, any residual sensitivities and a proposed handling strategy.

Once we agree the product and handling strategy, we will circulate to states for comment ahead of the NATCAB meeting.

Thanks and happy to discuss

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EPBC ACT – MAJOR PROJECTS TRANCHE 1 (EXISTING) AND 2 (NEW)

Service delivery commitment

Blue = reduce the time to assess major projects (from referral to final decision) by up to half (based on current 3.5 year timeframe for major projects) through a service charter with states and proponent

Green = work with companies and states immediately to agree a service charter for major project, with the aim of cutting the remaining assessment timeframes in half

Purple = projects already well advanced, it is too later for a service charter and likely to have a Commonwealth approval decision in the next six months

Black = approval decision made or imminent.

Existing major projects (first tranche)

- Nine major projects that have an economic contribution of over \$47 billion and 22,500 direct and indirect jobs

Existing Major Project	Sub projects and next steps	Indicative timeframe
NSW emergency town water projects Water NSW	<i>Operation of Peel River Drought Protection Works (2019/8590):</i> final Cth approval decision.	Cth approval decision is expected in June 2020.
	<i>Wyangala Dam:</i> Cth is validating the referrals and has started work on controlled action decision.	Estimated construction start Oct 2021.
	<i>Dungowan Dam:</i> Cth is validating the referrals and has started work on controlled action decision.	Estimated construction start Oct 2021.
Snowy 2.0, NSW Snowy Hydro Limited and TransGrid	Main works (EPBC 2018/8322): NSW expected to make a decision by end May. A Cth decision will be made within 30 business days after the NSW decision.	Cth approval decision is expected in mid 2020.
	<i>Transmission line (EPBC 2018/8363):</i> TransGrid is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement expected in late 2020. This has been delayed due to design changes and impacts from the bushfires.	Completion of project before end 2024.
Narrabri Gas Project, NSW Santos NSW	<i>Narrabri gas project (EPBC 2014/7376):</i> NSW to complete its assessment report and to provide the report to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The IPC will conduct a public hearing and make its determination within 12 weeks of receiving the assessment report.	Cth approval decision is expected in second half of 2020.
Burrup Hub, WA Woodside	<i>North-west Shelf Extension (EPBC 2018/8335):</i> Woodside is preparing a response to public comments for WA and Cth regulators. Expected timeframes are late May 2020.	Final investment decision has been delayed but expected mid to late 2021.
	<i>Browse to North West Shelf (EPBC 2018/8319):</i> Woodside is preparing a response to public comments for WA and Cth regulators. Expected timeframes are mid-June 2020.	Final investment decision has been delayed but expected in mid to late 2021.
Iron ore projects, WA Rio Tinto	<i>Brockman Syncline (EPBC 2019/8518):</i> Rio Tinto to finalise documentation on for public consultation.	Estimated start date was Jan 2022 in September 2019.
	<i>Greater Paraburdoo (EPBC 2018/8341):</i> Public consultation on the Environmental Review Document closes on 27 May.	Estimated start date was July 2021 in December 2018.
	<i>Mesa H (EPBC 2017/8017):</i> WA approval decision.	Cth approval decision expected in second half of 2020.
Rail projects, WA MetroNet	<i>Yanchep Rail Extension (EPBC 2018/8262):</i> final Cth approval decision.	Cth approval decision made in May 2020.
	<i>Thornlie-Cockburn Link (EPBC 2018/8188):</i> the Cth finalised the request to vary conditions. The project can start.	Cth approved in Jan 2020.

	<i>Morley-Ellenbrook Rail Line Part 2 (EPBC 2019/8546):</i> WA and proponent to finalise the scoping document.	Cth approval decision expected in early 2021.
Olympic Dam extension, SA BHP	Olympic Dam extension(EPBC 2019/8570): Environment Impact Statement (EIS) guidelines are being finalised with SA. BHP will then prepare the EIS.	Estimated start date is late 2021.
EnergyConnect, NSW and SA ElectraNet(SA) and TransGrid (NSW)	<i>Robertstown to SA/NSW border (EPBC 2019/8468):</i> Electranet is preparing an EIS (EPBC 2019/8468).	Estimated start date June 2021.
	<i>Border to Wagga:</i> TransGrid expected to refer in May 2020. A further 2 referrals are expected in Q2-Q3 splitting the border to Wagga project and a short transmission line into Victoria.	Proposed to start construction in Sept 2021.
Marinus Link, Tas and Vic TasNetwork	<i>Marinus Link:</i> TasNetwork to refer project, likely in late 2020.	Proposed to be 'shovel ready' in 2025 and operational by 2030.

Proposed second tranche of major projects

- Six major projects with an economic contribution of \$33.2 billion creating up to 43,600 direct and indirect jobs

Major project	State view	Sub projects	Description
Road infrastructure WA Main Roads	Supported	<i>2019 / 8471 Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) North and Central</i>	This is a series of road projects in Western Australia that have been joint funded by the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments. These roads will provide transport corridors to regional centres and alleviate congestion. The combined economic contribution of these road projects is \$2.2 billion, with the Commonwealth committing \$1.7 billion. Combined job numbers are unknown, but for the Bunbury Ring Roads and the Karratha Tom Price sections, 6980 direct and indirect jobs would be created. The North/Central referral is under assessment and a decision is expected late 2020, the South component is also under assessment and a decision is due late 2021.
		<i>2019 / 8543 Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) South, WA</i>	
		<i>2019 / 8529 Tonkin Hwy - Hale and Welshpool Grade Separation (21114961), WA</i>	
		<i>2019/8608, Tonkin Hwy Extension including Mundijong Road Interchange, WA</i>	
		<i>To be referred: Albany Ring Road (stage 2 and 3b) and Karratha Tom Price Stage 4</i>	
Perth Airport upgrades	Not applicable as the project is on Cth land.	<i>2017/8082: S160 Airservices and CASA, Perth Airport New Runway Project, Perth Airport, WA</i>	The development of the new runway project is expected to deliver an increase in the Perth region real economic output through to 2045 by providing jobs associated with construction and operation of the project, as well as reducing delay costs to airlines and passengers and increasing tourism potential. Construction of the new runway will generate up to 487 FTE jobs during the peak construction period estimated to be in the year 2025. The average number of jobs across both construction and operation out to 2045 is estimated at 160 FTE. Total investment for the project is estimated at \$475 million.
		<i>2017/8081: S160 Perth Airport New Runway Project, Perth Airport, WA</i>	
		<i>To be referred: Airport Central Terminal and associated airfields</i>	
M12 (Western Sydney Freeway link)	Supported	<i>2018/8286 M12 Motorway Project between the M7 Motorway, Cecil Hills and The Northern Road, Luddenham, NSW.</i> Being assessed under the NSW bilateral assessment agreement. NSW to come back for final approval when designs are finalised. Environmental Impact Statement was on display in late 2019, with the Amendment Report due to go on display in July 2020.	To construct a new 16 kilometre (km) east-west motorway from the M7 motorway, Cecil Hills to The Northern Road, Luddenham. The total cost of the project is \$1,752 million. The Australian Government is providing \$1,402 million and the NSW Government is providing \$350 million towards the construction of this project. The project is anticipated to create about 600 to 800 jobs during construction stimulate economic growth in the Western Sydney region and across Sydney with a 4,000 direct and indirect jobs supported over 10 years.
Sydney Metro Greater West (Western Sydney Airport Rail link) Transport for NSW	Supported	<i>2020/8687 Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport (the link from St Mary's to the Airport).</i> North of the airport has been referred under part 9 and is waiting validation and publication. Sydney Metro is currently preparing an EIS for assessment under the NSW EP&A Act. The project will go on exhibition from Oct-Dec 2020 and is scheduled for a NSW decision in June 2021.	The rail will become the Western Parkland City's transport spine, linking residential areas with job hubs and the new Western Sydney International Airport. Transport for NSW is developing a new metro line to service the new Western Sydney Airport, from St Mary's to the airport and beyond. The project is declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure for purposes of assessment and approval under the NSW EP&A Act. The NSW Minister for Transport has announced that

		South of the airport (already approved under the Sydney Growth Centres Program Part 10 approval. On-airport s160 advice to the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development	the project will commence this year. Total cost of \$11 billion, half from the Federal Government and half from the NSW Government. Will create more than 14,000 jobs during construction.
Inland Rail (VIC/QLD/NSW) Australian Rail Track Corporation	Supported by all states	2018/8165: Inland Rail Border to Gowrie Project, QLD	Inland Rail will transform how everyday goods are moved around our vast country, creating more opportunities for regions to connect to cities and businesses to markets. Spanning 1,700km and comprising 13 individual projects, Inland Rail will provide transit times of less than 24 hours for freight trains between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Construction started in late 2018 and the project is expected to be operational in 2025. Inland Rail will generate \$16 billion in economic benefits and over 16,000 direct and indirect jobs. The Australian Government has committed \$9.3 billion to the delivery of Inland Rail . Timeframe: Various timeframes depending on the stages of assessment and planned construction schedules. ARTC is keen to progress the various assessments and approvals during 2021. Current EPBC Status: The Department has received multiple referrals which are at various stages of assessment covering sections of the Project in QLD, NSW and Vic. Most referrals have been found to be controlled actions and are currently undergoing assessment under bilateral agreements with relevant State Governments. One section of Inland Rail has completed assessment and has been approved under the EPBC Act, the Parkes to Narromine section (2016/7731).
		2017/7944: Inland Rail Calvert to Kagaru Project, QLD	
		2017/7883: Inland Rail Helidon to Calvert, Qld	
		2017/7882: Inland Rail Gowrie to Helidon Project, Qld	
		2018/8259: Inland Rail - Narromine to Narrabri, NSW	
		2018/8233: Inland Rail - Illabo to Stockinbingal, NSW	
		2018/8222: Inland Rail North Star to Qld Border, NSW	
		To be referred: Inland Rail Beveridge to Albury, Vic	
		To be referred: Inland Rail Glenrowan Heritage Precinct, Vic	
Coffs Harbour Bypass (NSW)	Supported	2017/8005: Pacific Highway Upgrade, Coffs Harbour Bypass, NSW Being assessed under the NSW bilateral assessment agreement. NSW to come back for final approval when designs are finalised (likely to be in September/October 2020)	The project will upgrade the Pacific Highway at Coffs Harbour. The Project is an approximately 14 kilometre motorway standard road from England's Road in the south, connecting with the newly upgraded Sapphire to Woolgoolga section in the north. The estimated project cost is \$1,214 million. Project will support over 2,400 direct and indirect jobs during construction