

Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Notification of variation to proposed action

Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project, near Armidale, NSW (EPBC 2020/8850)

This variation to the proposal has been accepted in accordance with section 156B of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed Action

original proposed action	To develop and operate pumped hydroelectric and generation works, ancillary development, and transmission connection works, near Armidale, NSW. [See EPBC Act referral 2020/8850 and request for variation of the proposed action dated 25 November 2022].
varied proposed action	To develop and operate pumped hydroelectric and generation works, ancillary development, and transmission connection works, near Armidale, NSW. [See EPBC Act referral 2020/8850; request for variation of the proposed action dated 25 November 2022; request for variation of the proposed action dated 12 November 2024].
person proposing to	OMPS Ptd Ltd
take the action	ACN: 160 259 174
variation	The proposed action remains developing and operating pumped hydroelectric and generation works and associated infrastructure. This variation includes a realignment of road infrastructure, additional spoil storage and stock piling sites, three temporary fly camps and two temporary access bridges. It includes an increase in the proposed action area by 8 hectares (ha) to a total of 6579 ha; and a refined disturbance footprint by -63 ha to 367 ha. The list of all the variation components is available in the variation request.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position	Kathy Colgan
	A/g Director
	Northern NSW Assessments

signature

Kathy Calfon

date of decision

16 December 2024